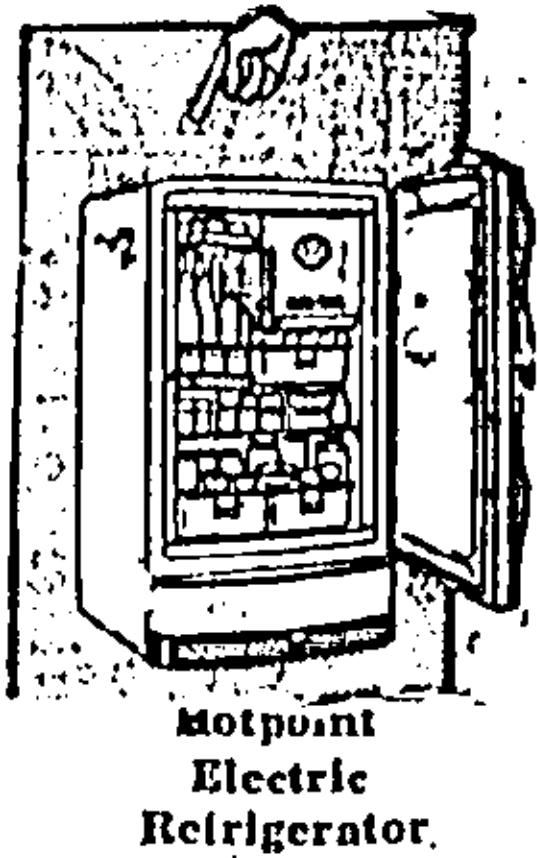




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## Hong Kong's Record Budget

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"Secondary education has shown some progress during the year, but not so much as primary. Although there is an insufficient number of places in schools for every child in Hong Kong, it is probable that there are few permanent residents in the Colony whose children are not receiving education, for it is the policy of Government and subsidised schools to give preference to the permanent resident. It is not, however, possible to enforce such a rule in the case of private schools. \$18½ million were spent on education in 1948, nearly \$4 million more than in 1947, and more than half went in grants and subsidies.

"Steady progress has been made in agriculture and fisheries to the mutual benefit of the producer and consumer. The wholesale Vegetable Market increased its sales from 453,000 to 537,000 piculs, but at a reduced average price to the consumer of \$14.04 a picul compared with \$16.10 in 1947. The Fisheries Wholesale markets dealt with 121,820 piculs of fresh fish, and 246,370 piculs of salt-dried fish; the figures for 1947 being 144,420 and 189,270 respectively. Prices have dropped from \$97 to \$71 a picul in the case of fresh fish, and from \$87 to \$48 a picul in the case of salt-dried fish over the last two years. About 40% of the salt-dried fish is exported, bringing in about \$4½ million.

### Municipal Council

"Government has under consideration the carrying out of a social and economic survey in the New Territories to determine such things as agricultural indebtedness, land tenure etc. These things are fundamental to the farmer, but until we know more precisely than we do at present the nature and extent of the problem, it is impossible to decide on measures to deal with it.

"During the forthcoming year we shall continue the progress, but it will be slower, for slower, than we should like. If, however, revenue flows in better than is at present anticipated, the authority of this Council will be sought for extending existing projects or carrying out new ones. Conversely, if there is a falling off in revenue, we shall have to curtail our expenditure.

"On the constitutional side progress has been slow, but a good deal of preparatory work has been done, and it is intended to publish shortly the draft Bills setting up the proposed Municipal Council. The first reading of the Bills will not be taken for at least six weeks after publication, so as to give those interested time to consider them. The proposals themselves were made public in July 1947.

"We now have more than 200 posts, occupied by local appointees that were formerly held

"Receipts from rates and licences were particularly satisfactory, as also was postal revenue. Receipts from stamp duty were also unusually high due to the increment on the value of property having produced \$8,030,000 up to the end of February. This was however mainly collected during the first half of the year, receipts since the end of September having dropped considerably due both to a change in the basis of the tax and to fewer properties changing hands. The earnings of the Kowloon-Canton Railway are expected to exceed the estimate by nearly \$1,500,000. In spite of the adverse effect on goods traffic of a greatly reduced volume of imports into South China, Receipts from Earnings and Profits Tax have been coming in well during the latter portion of the financial year, and are expected to reach the estimated figure of \$6,000,000.

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by expatriate officers. This is not unsatisfactory, but I am disappointed that we have only one member of the Cadet Service who is locally born. I would urge undergraduates at the University, and their parents, seriously to consider the administrative branch of the Colonial Service. It doesn't offer a fabulous salary, but the work is both honourable and interesting.

### Record Trade Figures

The Financial Secretary said:—"The actual revenue and expenditure for 1948-49 will not be known for some time, but the revised estimate of revenue is \$184,000,000 and of expenditure \$180,000,000. It is thus anticipated that there will be a surplus of \$4,000,000.

"The revised revenue figure is approximately \$32,500,000 in excess of the approved estimate.

When the estimates were prepared there were some indications of a falling off of trade, and due allowance was made for this. Fortunately, however, this expected drop in trade did not materialise except in regard to our trade with South China, which showed a fall.

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"Without probing too deeply into the political intrigues of Siam, he goes on, it is evident that the "mistake" proved to be quite a fortunate one for the Government, for it provided it with an excellent opportunity to make widespread arrests, split a little "bad blood" and strengthen its own position to a considerable extent.

"But the real ringleaders of the revolt that failed are still at large and are said to have flown to the north to direct numbers of Chinese Communists who have made illegal entry into the country in the last few weeks. These infiltrators are believed to be well armed and equipped and to have landed on deserted coastlines from junks.

"A wave of arson in the outlying residential areas of Bangkok has been attributed to the Communists. To make matters worse, the key money racket has cast its ugly spell over certain elements in the Fire Brigade who have been asking for cash down before they will even consider putting out the fire.

"Siam, land of beautiful temples and bountiful rice harvests, is fast losing its reputation for stability and peacefulness, he said.

## Inside Story Of Siam Coup Related Here

The first inside story of the bloody but unsuccessful coup d'état in Siam was told to a journalist who had just arrived here from Bangkok.

A rigid censorship has been imposed in the Siamese capital following a leading article in the American-edited Post alleging that the murder of three former Siamese Cabinet Ministers, plus a former member of parliament, while in police custody, was a "trint by trigger."

The Post failed to appear for a day and even now reaches its readers hours behind the normal distribution time with white blanks indicating the snippings of the censor.

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Three men argued over a seat in the bus, fought over it and landed in court before Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Inspector Evans told the court that a bus coming from the New Territories was stopped for a routine search. After the search, the passengers re-boarded the bus when the argument arose as to whom should have which seat. Li Chai said it was his but Ho Yuk and Lau Cheuk-yeo disagreed, so they alighted from the bus and started the scrap, with both sides suffering injuries that needed medical attention.

In court they were all bound over in the sum of \$100 for a year.

Opium divan keepers are not an uncommon thing but a woman boss is something unusual.

Chung Yau-ling, a married woman aged 28, pleaded guilty to keeping a divan at 1009 Canton Road, before Mr. Blair-Kerr. She was fined \$300 or eight weeks. A smoker arrested received a fine of \$300 or two weeks' imprisonment. Inspector Evans prosecuted.

Feng and Company pleaded guilty to the charge of employing 27 women outside of the hours laid down by Government regulations.

The women were working at the Company's enamel works at Cheung Sha Wan.

A fine of \$300 was imposed by Mr. A. D. Schools. Mr. V. Bond of the Labour Office prosecuted.

For being in possession of some 232 pounds of beef not bearing the Government mark two men were fined \$250 or eight weeks' imprisonment by Mr. A. D. Schools.

The men were arrested at the Kowloon Railway Station where two baskets containing the beef were found on each of them.

### Tramways Case Up At Central

Further cross-examination by Mr. M. A. da Silva on Anthony Chan occupied yesterday's hearing of the Tramways Case before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central. Chan was one of the defendants. He pleaded guilty to the charges and gave evidence for the prosecution.

The case concerns 11 inspectors and one conductor of the Tramways Company charged with two counts of conspiracy to defraud the Tramways Company by permitting the resale of used tickets.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is representing 11 of the defendants while Mr. P. C. Wong is representing three others. Mr. John McNeill, instructed by Mr. F. A. L. Vine, appeared for the prosecution. Hearing was adjourned till to day.

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## HM's Recovery Satisfactory

London, March 10. King George was today reported to be continuing his satisfactory recovery from an operation of lumbar sympathectomy to improve the circulation in his right leg.

The King's doctors made their usual call at Buckingham Palace this morning, but for the first time since Saturday's operation, no further bulletin was issued.

Court sources said this meant that recovery was going well.—Reuters.

## Court Brevities

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## Karens Control Most Of Burma

London, March 15. Official reports reaching London from Burma today said that the Karen rebel forces have gained control of practically the entire country except for the capital of Rangoon.

Dissatisfaction is spreading among Burmese Army units, evacuees reaching Calcutta said.

Units drawn from the hill tribes are showing an increasing tendency to join forces with the Karens.

In London, meanwhile, Viscount Addison told the House of Lords that Britain is withdrawing its military mission to Burma.

He said: "In view of the clearing down of the Army Staff training college at Maymyo, when a part of the military mission was established, it was decided to withdraw our personnel and families."

Viscount Addison said the work of the mission was unavoidably ended and the British Government has suggested to the Burmese Government that officers and personnel could not fulfil the purposes for which they were posted to Burma and should be released for service elsewhere.

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Evidence produced stated that the shed had been blown down by typhoon last year. It was later repaired when the detective wiring which caused the girl's death was strung.

The owner of the shed said that he did remember the man whom he employed to do the job.

A China Light and Power Company official told the court that regular inspections were made of areas hanging electrical wiring. The inspection of this particular area was due in March when the defect in the wire was bound to be revealed.

## Legislative Council Passes Three Bills

Three bills passed into law at yesterday's session of the Legislative Council. They were:

### New Approach To Social Problem

Hong Kong needs a more scientific approach to its social problems.

Mrs. M. S. Watson, Principal Almoner of Queen Mary's Hospital, made this point in her address yesterday evening to members of the Social Services on "Family Care Work."

There is plenty of good faith and good intentions, but what is needed is a body of people who will apply the same cool, impartial judgment to affairs as is applied by the case-worker to the problems of her client, Miss Watson said.

The case worker of today, she said, has a respect for individual integrity. She does not consider herself superior, socially or morally. She looks upon the individual in distress as a fellow citizen and she offers to put at the service of excellent a specialist skill which has been built up through training and experience.

Hong Kong's band of Government and voluntary social workers doing their best to interpret existing social legislation to the best advantage of all concerned, she said, but to battle great evils such as poverty and disease, a more scientific approach is needed.

### HK-Australia Air Service

A regular Hong Kong-Australia air service will shortly be inaugurated by the Qantas Empire Airways. It is authoritatively learned yesterday.

The first plane—a DC-4 Sky master—is due to arrive at Kai Tak today at 12 noon.

Qantas plans to operate a fortnightly non-scheduled service first, pending official permission to run a scheduled weekly service.

On flight to Sydney, Qantas' Skymasters will leave Hong Kong at 11 a.m., make an overnight stay at Manila and leave the following morning for Darwin where it will arrive at 6 p.m.

Following a four-hour stay at Darwin during which passengers will be accommodated at an hotel for dinner, the Skymasters will leave for Sydney, arriving there at 9 a.m. the following day—a flight of 42 hours.

To end from Sydney the planes will touch at Manila and Darwin. Single fare will be £156 round trip £280.16s.

The Skymaster which is arriving here today will return to Sydney at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The second plane is due here on April 3 and will return to Sydney on April 5.

Mr. N. G. R. Geikie is Area Sales Superintendent, Far East, for Qantas Empire Airways Limited.

### RUBBER OUTPUT

The rubber output during February on the rubber estates managed by A. G. Burkhill and Sons, Limited, was released by the company yesterday. Details follow:

	February	January	Year-to-date
(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)
Borneo	57,800	141,100	
Consolidated	103,900	221,600	
Dominion	45,500	122,000	
Kota Bahru	50,000	109,000	
Bengal Duri	76,000	64,000	
Shanghai Pakuan	41,300	40,000	
Padang	60,000	61,200	
Tanah Merah	25,000	21,300	
	56,977	1,116,702	

### Recovery Of Property Asked

Hearing of the dispute over the ownership of No. 184, Queen's Road Central entered its third day yesterday before the Chief Justice.

Tsui Chun, 77-year-old widow, who claimed to be the owner, sought a declaration from the Court that the sale of the property in 1945 by her stepson Fung Kwok-hing was illegal.

The Court yesterday heard evidence from the tenants of the premises.

Further hearing will take place at 10 a.m. this morning.

### Mongoose Looking Animal Turns Out To Be A Civet

The mongoose looking animal, rescued from villains at Stanley by Mr. Valentine Novikov on Monday, has turned out to be a gom facod civet.

The animal was handed over to Mr. J. D. Romer yesterday by Mr. Novikov and Mr. William O'Neal Shaw. It has been suggested that the civet be released on Stonecutters Island to help deal with the snake problem there.

Approval from the authorities concerned, however, is necessary before this can be done.

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## Personalities

Mr. T.Y. Lo, a leading Chinese film director, has left England for China by the ss. Canton after a stay of several months as guest of the British Council to study British film technique and developments.

Mr. Lo, who came to London in October last, has in the last few weeks spent some time in Amsterdam and Paris inspecting film studios and factories where film equipment is manufactured.

Mr. Paul E. Derby, Vice-President of the California Ink Export Company, has arrived in Hong Kong to survey the market here and renew acquaintances. He plans to leave for Shanghai and Tokyo next Wednesday.

Mr. Derby originally planned to leave earlier but has been unable to do so because he has received from old and new friends so owing to the many in the Colony.

He said yesterday that the hospitality being extended to him is "amazing".

## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

### What About Racing?

Sir, It was with considerable interest that I read your leading article of yesterday on the subject of "Gambling Laws."

Your reference to so-called "mah jong schools" was most appropriate. If the police are really interested in eradicating the gambling evil, they would, I feel, be rendering the public a great service if they were to take immediate steps to close down the hundreds of "mah jong schools" which flourish in this Colony.

As it is common knowledge that many of these are hot-beds of crime and that some who visit these places are card-sharers on the look-out for "suckers" to fleece, it is most surprising that the police should tolerate their existence.

It is also a well known fact that losses at these "mah jong schools" are, to a certain extent, responsible for the increase of crime in this Colony.

I would challenge the authorities to come forward and say that "mah jong schools" are not "common gaming houses" within the definition laid down in Gambling Ordinance No. 2 of 1931.

In conclusion, I might add for the information of interested police officers that many of those "Wanted Men" whose photographs and particulars are posted up at Police Stations and other points, lost money at the Happy Valley Race Course during Extra Race Meetings and not through betting on Football Pools. Why not therefore stop horse-racing, which is a most pernicious form of gambling and which has caused the downfall and ruin of more than one man?

### Movie Review

Sir.—A bunch of evil-smelling onions to the film reviewer of Radio Hong Kong, who spoiled the picture "The Red Shoes" for me by saying what happens to the leading actress in the film. This is just like asking a chap, "Have you read such-and-such a book? You must read it. It's wonderful... in the end John marries Mary."

I prefer to take my picture from the start, and although I would like to know in advance whether the film is slow or fast moving, and whether there are any outstanding points in its production, I certainly don't want to know the fate of the heroine until I've seen \$3.50 worth of entertainment.

### EFFECT.

### Indian Airline Expands Service

A Skymaster arrived here yesterday to mark the first commercial flight of the Bharat Air Line to Hong Kong.

Thirty Chinese hemmen were the only passengers from Calcutta.

Mr. P. P. Singh, Manager of the Far East Division of the BAL, who arrived here last week to prepare for the expansion of the BAL to the Far East, will leave for Shanghai and Tokyo next week to make similar arrangements.

"The BAL is an Indian organization and operates the very latest types of Skymasters and Dakotas linking all the Indian cities," Mr. Singh said.

"It would appear that little is known regarding its habits in the wild state, but its food probably consists largely of fruit. Captive specimens have been found to prefer cooked meat and it would be interesting to know whether, and if so to what extent, flesh is eaten in the wild state."

"The animal obtained from Stanley shows little interest in bananas but has a wonderful appetite for raw luna eggs."

The airline will operate a weekly flight from here in the near future.

### GOLD CONFISCATED

Lok Ching-long, of 14, Lee Yuen Street, West, was charged at Central yesterday with trying to export five tables of gold over a month to complete.

"The gold on the application of Inspector Urryngton, was ordered to be confiscated. Defendant's bail of \$10 was refunded.

## MACDOUGALL, KENNIFF & SLOSS LEAVING HK

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, revealed in Legislative Council yesterday that three Hong Kong residents—two of them senior Civil Servants—are leaving shortly. They are Mr. D. M. MacDougall, Colonial Secretary, Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Mr. V. Kenniff, Director of Public Works.

Sir Alexander said:

"I wish to thank the Government service for their loyal support to me in the past. Whilst the debt I owe to my senior advisers, both official and unofficial, as well as to those who serve on Government committees, is [uncalculable].

"Our Colonial Secretary, Mr. MacDougall, will be leaving us shortly. His departure from Hong Kong, for which he has done so much, will be a grievous loss."

"We are suffering a further loss with the departure of Mr. Sloss, who has been more than the Vice-Chancellor of the University, and of Mr. Kenniff."

"I am sure that I express the sentiments of us all when I say how sorry we are that they are going and that they take with them our best wishes."

### Joined In 1930

Mr. MacDougall, the Colonial Secretary, who has retired from the Government Service, joined the Hong Kong Government in 1930. He was born on December 8, 1894 at Perth, Scotland.

Following two years' study of the Chinese language, he was appointed to be a Magistrate in Hong Kong. He has served as District Officer, South, First Assistant to the Colonial Secretary and Secretary of the Far Eastern Bureau of the British Ministry of Information.

When the Japanese occupied Hong Kong in December 1941, he, a party of naval officers, and Admiral Sir Chan Chak escaped to Free China in a motor torpedo-boat across Mirs Bay.

During the war years, he served in Washington as Colonial Attaché at the British Embassy. He returned to Hong Kong on



Mr. D. M. MACDOUGALL

September 2, 1945 as Chief Civil Officer under the Military Administration. He held the rank of Brigadier.

He was appointed Colonial Secretary of Hong Kong when Sir Mark Young returned to take over the administration from the military authorities.

### Objection For Airline To HK

Washington, March 16.

The Civil Aeronautics Board said yesterday that Pan American Airways has protested North West Airlines' request for the Board's permission to operate temporarily into Hong Kong and Canton en route to Manila.

The Board said North West's request is under consideration, but did not indicate when a decision may be made. The Board further indicated that North West's request is a result of the disturbed situation in Shanghai, resulting in a decrease in business which North West is seeking to offset by operating to Hong Kong and Canton.

The Board also said that Pan American's request for authority to effect changes in its present Pacific services, and also to establish a new service from Seattle to Tokyo, now is before the Board for study. North West is opposing the proposed Seattle-Tokyo flight seeing it as competition for its present Tokyo service via the Great Circle.

The Board did not state the nature of the changes Pan American is proposing to make in its Pacific service. Associated Press.

### HK ART CLUB

The Hong Kong Art Club has decided to hold all their sketching classes in the New Territories. The classes will take place on Sunday. Members should be at the Kowloon Star Ferry at 10.30 a.m. for transport.

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### THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday the 17th day of March, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th March to 17th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

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### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 28, 1949 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, March 17, 1949.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

### HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

#### CABARET DANCE

for members and lady friends  
At Kowloon Cricket Club  
Saturday, March 19th, from  
9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Subscription \$5 per person  
including light refreshments.  
Dress: Informal.

### THE REFORM CLUB OF HONGKONG

THE SECOND PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the West Lounge, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, on Thursday, 24th March, 1949 at 6 p.m.

### LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers, Pedder Building, Telephone No. 20224.

### PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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View from Thursday, the 17th March, 1949.

Terms: As Customary.

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THE CHINA MAIL, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1949.

### Triplets And Mother Go Home

A quarry worker and his triplets—two boys and a girl—left the Taung Wah Hospital yesterday for their home at Stanley Village. The mother was allowed to remain in the maternity ward for three additional days by special permission from the Board of Directors.

The mother, Lo Ng, and the father, Tsang Hung who is a barber, and the triplets were taken home in the private car of Mr. Lam Hau-tak, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital.

When she went home yesterday, the mother had with her HK\$1,400 in cash, some 60 tins of condensed milk, one enlarged photograph of herself and her three babies, and some 100 pieces of baby clothing, donated by members of the public.

The triplets are the first to be registered this year. Triplets were born at the Tung Wah hospital last year but did not survive.

Subscriptions are now being received, and copies of March 9th delivered to subscribers by

### NEWS WHILE IT IS NEWS!

The weekly edition of the world's most famous newspaper, THE TIMES, is now available to subscribers in Hong Kong, by Air Freight.

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### POST OFFICE

#### MAIL NOTICE

#### Outward Mails

#### AIRMAIL FROM UNITED KINGDOM DELAYED

The Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, March 14, has been further delayed and is not expected to arrive on Thursday, March 17, 1949.

With effect from March 8, 1949, all correspondence intended to be forwarded "by air to London only" and then by surface mail to destination, must be superscribed "By Air to London only". (In future it will not be sufficient to merely superscribe such correspondence "London".)

Airmail service to Tientsin and Peiping is temporarily suspended until further notice.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 50 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mailed alone before 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. (Ordinary Post Office closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.)

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17  
Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., Afternoon, 4 p.m. and Amoy, (Regd.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.,

Airmail for Keweenaw; Airmail for Chancery; Airmail for Swatow and Tsinan, (Regd.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Keelung; Airmail for Chungking; Airmail for Swatow and Tsinan, (Regd.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

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Ordinary Airmail (printed matter, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Regd.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Saigon, 10 a.m.

Colombo, 2 p.m.

Bandarban and Rabaul, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18  
Closing Times by Air

Colombo, 10 a.m.

For Swatow and Amoy, (Regd.)

8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Nanking and Tsinan; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Tsinan, (Regd.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

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Closing Times by Sea

Shanghai, 10 a.m.

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### HONG KONG CLUB

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the 101st Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held at the Club House on Thursday 24th March 1949 at 5.30 p.m.

By Order of the Committee

K. W. Kirby  
Secretary.

Further details and tickets will be sent to individuals.

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The St. Patrick's Dance will

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# ISRAEL ACCUSED BY TRANSJORDAN CHIEF

## SCIENCE WON'T BE USED HERE

Shawbury, March 15. The British crews of six Lancaster bombers which took off here today on a 7,000-miles training flight will tonight disregard all the intricate navigational aids provided by modern science and fly entirely by star observation and dead reckoning.

Radar and radio aids will be forgotten as the six planes take off from Castel Benito, North Africa, at dusk to fly to Khartoum, in the Sudan.

The planes are due at Khartoum tomorrow and will leave again on Friday to fly back to Britain, calling at Fayid, in the Canal Zone, and Luqa, Malta. During these later stages, the most recent developments in navigational technique will be utilised.

The Air Ministry announced that the flights will anticipate possible future long-range navigation and provide an opportunity for the use of experimental navigational techniques.

The Lancaster force is attached to the Empire Air Navigation School at Shawbury.—Reuter.

"The Jews have challenged the Security Council once more in their advance and occupation of Um Rashrash and the Palestinian Red Sea coast," the Transjordan Premier, Huda Pasha, accused in a press conference this morning.

"The Jews are claiming that they have advanced into territory given to them by the U.N.'s resolution but the Security Council orders are clear that everybody should stay where they are and not take advantage of seizing new strategic positions."

"The Jews in their latest movement have violated UN orders and acquired a position on the Red Sea shore between the Egyptian and Transjordan borders," Huda Pasha said.

"They have previously defied the Security Council in the same manner by violating the truce and acquiring strategic positions in the Egyptian frontier before a final settlement," Huda Pasha continued.

The Prime Minister expressed regret that the Security Council had never taken any practical measures to impose its orders.

"The Jews have also violated the truce in the Jerusalem area, occupying the 'no-mans-land' delineated by the United Nations in Elrou'i Mountain."

Speaking about the British Akaba garrison, he said: "The main purpose of the British limited force at Akaba is to defend the Southern Transjordan territory where our forces are not enough."

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# RUSSIAN FOUR-FRONT NERVE WAR AGAINST NORTHERN COUNTRIES

## BRITAIN'S BIGGER AIR FORCE

London, March 15.  
Britain is now beginning to put into effect the first stage of her programme for increasing the front line strength of her bomber striking force. The Air Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, told the House of Commons today.

He was asking for a vote of £207 million for the Air Force for next year—£34 million more than the original estimate for this year.

Other facts he gave about the Royal Air Force:

The re-equipping of the day and night fighter and ground attack squadrons overseas with jet fighters should be completed by June next year.

The latest types of Meteor and Vampire jet fighters, the finest in service in the world today, now used by the RAF, are much better than the original versions. But the newer types being developed will be much better still.

"I can say with confidence that the lead we now hold in day fighters will be maintained in the future," he said.

Orders have been placed in quantity for a twin-jet bomber capable of a speed approaching 600 miles an hour, which is being developed, and for a twin-jet night fighter.

Explaining why the re-equipping of the RAF Bomber force with jet bombers has been deferred, Mr. Henderson said they could have developed at great cost a type of jet bomber built around the existing jet engines, or developed another piston engine type, both would have become obsolete in a very few years.

It had therefore been decided to concentrate on long-term development of advanced jet bombers, he said, adding that the Fighter Command's jet fighter force is being doubled. This process is being doubled. This will be completed by the middle of next month.—Reuter.

## Decision On Jap War Criminals

Washington, March 15.  
The Far Eastern Commission has decided that there will be no further trials of Japanese on charges of having planned, prepared or conspired to wage a war of aggression.

A directive to this effect has been sent to General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Japan. One effect of the decision is to render even less likely the possibility that Emperor Hirohito may one day be charged with having planned or conspired in an aggressive war.

Previous policy decisions by the Commission have mechanically left the Allies free to take whatever action they felt desirable.

## POPE'S PRAYERS FOR CHINA

Vatican City, March 16.  
Pope Pius XII has told China's Minister to the Holy See, Wu Ching-hsiung, that he offers constant prayer for the well-being of China.

China is now passing through great trials and tribulations, the Pope said yesterday.

The Pope's message was delivered to the Minister, together with the Pontiff's congratulations for Mr. Wu's recent translation of the New Testament into Chinese.—Associated Press.

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## SOVIET AIR THREAT TO AMERICA

Cincinnati, March 15.  
Soviet air accomplishments are a definite threat to American air supremacy, Mr. William Jordan, President of the Curtiss Wright Corporation, one of America's largest aircraft manufacturers, said here today.

He would "not want to be the pilot of the first American bomber over Russia, because there would probably be a sky full of fighter planes," he told reporters in an interview.

"We talk about our planes flying at great heights, but the Russians have planes flying higher," he said.

"We say we are producing great quantities of planes, but the Russians are producing more."—Reuter.

## Tito's Overthrow Said Imminent

Istanbul, March 16.  
Diplomatic and intelligence quarters in Istanbul warned last night, "Keep your eyes on Yugoslavia." Something might happen, they said cautiously.

One source said he expects the imminent overthrow of Marshal Tito. Tito will face his greatest test this Spring, he says.

Refugees arriving in Istanbul from Yugoslavia said the Communists are intensifying their pressure from within and without.

Bulgarian and Rumanian forces are closing in along the Yugoslav frontier. Marshal Tito has drawn up seven divisions along the Albanian-Macedonian frontiers.

Usually well-informed sources here forecast that Sweden will reply to Russia's latest note in the same firm and slightly ironic terms as to the previous Soviet note of last month.

These sources describe Russia's charges that Sweden is putting obstacles in the way of Balkans wishing to return to the Soviet Union as ridiculous.

## Control Of TB To Be Surveyed

Nevada, March 16.

The World Health Organisation has named five experts to make surveys of the tuberculosis programme in Latin America and the Eastern Mediterranean as part of an international programme of tuberculosis control.

After examining the situation in each country visited, the experts will determine what necessary facilities are required to combat the disease.

Dr. Basil Papapanikolau, of the University of Athens, will visit the Middle East.

Dr. Rene Jeanneret of Switzerland and Dr. J. M. Lourie of the U.S. will study the situation in Central America and Ecuador.

Dr. O. M. Mistal of Switzerland and Dr. Kurt Gyllenswaerd of Upsala, Sweden, will visit the other South American countries.—Associated Press.

A mixed delegation of emigrants from Montenegro, together with Albanian and Macedonians, has been formed at Scutari in Albania.

Arms are coming into Albania from Russia.

Marshal Tito is fully aware of his danger.

To offset it he has purged the administration of all suspected elements he can dispose of. He has purged his army of 3,000 officers even at the cost of several divisions.

He has formed four military high commands at Novi Sad, Niš, Zagreb and Sarajevo to centralise control of the army and has regrouped his forces to safeguard what he considers to be dangerous frontiers.—Associated Press.

The Commission emphasised today that trials of class "B" and "C" offenders—violation of the laws and customs of war, and crimes against humanity, such as murder, extirmination and enslavement—will continue.

The decision is a formal acknowledgement by the Commission that all Japanese who could be successfully prosecuted on these so-called cases of "A" crimes have already been tried and either convicted or discharged.

It is designed, a Commission official explained today, to remove uncertainty about the possibility of them being charged as class "A" criminals from the minds of the Japanese and thus to have a beneficial psychological effect on the Japanese population as a whole.—Reuter.

**INQUEST INTO STACK'S DEATH**

Karachi, March 15.

Flying Officer Tubbins, of the Royal Air Force, today told the court inquiring into the death of the British air officer, Captain Neville Stack, that he saw the latter eating a good breakfast shortly before his death on February 22.

Captain Stack was killed by a lorry, and the Karachi police said he had committed suicide. His two sons are here trying to vindicate their father's name.

Squadron Leader McLoughlin

also said he had been with Captain Stack at breakfast on February 22. "His demeanour was perfectly calm and natural," the Squadron Leader said.

The court adjourned until Friday.—Reuter.

## FRANCE WARNED

Paris, March 15.

General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the French People's Rally, today warned France of the danger threatening from outside and the conspiracy undermining her from within.

He was appealing to electors to vote for his candidates in next Sunday's nationwide local elections.—Reuter.

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## QUEUILLE GETS OVER HURDLE IN ASSEMBLY

Paris, March 15.  
The French National Assembly tonight rejected a vote of censure against Premier Henri Queuille's Government by 350 to 228. M. Queuille defended his Government's policy shortly before the vote on the de Gaulle censure motion.

He bitterly attacked both the Communists and the Gaullists and said the Government will do everything in its power to save France from another invasion and occupation.

M. Queuille said that both the Communists and the followers of General Charles de Gaulle were trying to ruin France's recovery hopes.

The vote climaxed a tempestuous session in which Jacques Duclos, Communist Parliamentary leader, threw the Assembly into an uproar when he said that the Government wants a preventive war against Soviet Russia.

M. Duclos also tabled a second censure motion against the Government on behalf of the Communist Party. The vote on this second censure motion is not expected to be taken until early next week, after Sunday's Departmental elections.

The Premier lashed back at the de Gaulleists and the Communists with one of the toughest speeches of his career.

**ENEMIES OF WAR**

"M. Thorez has spoken of our preparations for aggression," he said. "We are enemies of war. We do not wish to see any mother anxious. But we do not want our soil to be invaded."

"France is animated, as it always has been, with a desire for peace, but we should take all necessary precautions to spare our country another invasion and occupation."

"I do not understand how such a policy can be regarded as aggressive."

M. Queuille's statement brought thunderous applause from middle-of-the-road Deputies.

This was the first time the two extreme parties had lined up in such a clear-cut, even though tacit, alliance against the Government. The vote against the Government came from 183 Communists and 45 de Gaulle supporters.—United Press.

## BUYING SPREE IN BRITAIN

London, March 15.  
British women literally went to town by the thousands to celebrate the first day of ration-free clothing for eight years.

The main items on their shopping lists were lingerie and household linen. Housewives flocked into all big London stores. Shops reported a rush for underclothes, sheets, tablecloths and towels.

The biggest rush was for cotton utility sheets and some stores started up their own rationing system, restricting customers to three pairs each. The small customer was looked after first. Big orders from hotels and boarding houses will have to wait.

Easter brides also went shopping today, now that they can have white weddings without spending the whole family's coupon allowance.

Despite the belief that women, previously, had deprived their menfolk of their clothing coupon, men's shops reported: "No rush, the reason—no money."

When coupons were short, women spent their own coupons and their husbands' on outer wear. They were reluctant to use coupons on clothing worn only for housework and on underwear.

Today they were buying as many as three and four sets of expensive lingerie at a time, and cotton plus-size dresses and overalls.—Reuter.

## PRECAUTIONS IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, March 15.  
Police-manned roadblocks were thrown up in Bangkok again tonight, with the most stringent searching of persons and vehicles since the attempts to overthrow the Government on February 26.

The correspondent's car was stopped and he was searched five times within a mile of the city's Central area. The searchers refused a clue whether the renewed roadblocks were motivated by a manhunt or an arms-hunt.—Reuter.

**FAMOUS AIRMAN ON TRIAL**

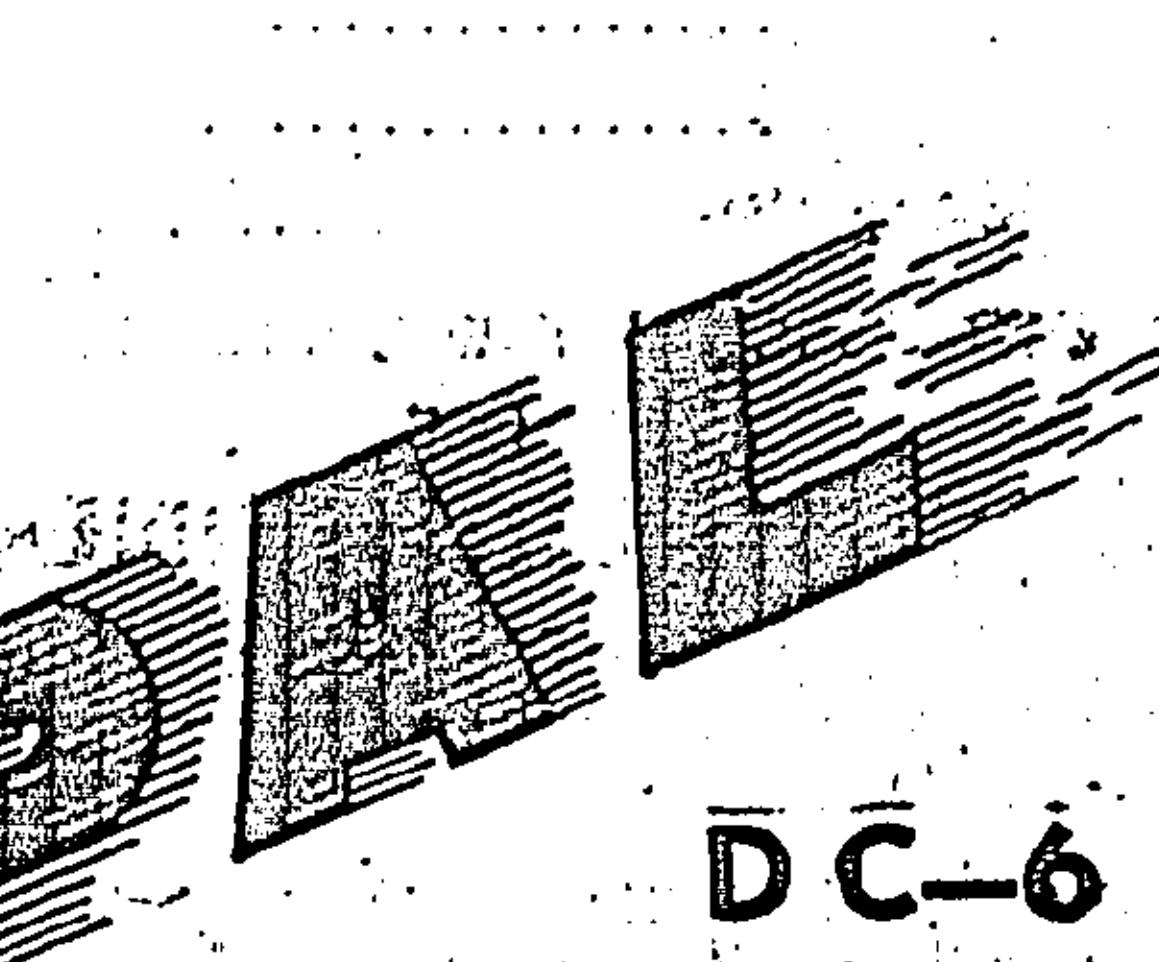
Paris, March 15.

Lieutenant-Colonel Costes, first man to fly from Paris to New York, told a Paris court today that he was a fully-paid agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the war.

Colonel Costes is on trial before a military tribunal charged with giving information about Hispano-Suiza aircraft components to the Germans, and with working for German counter-espionage in North Africa. He denies both charges. His co-defendant, a stunt pilot, Paul Cavillier, said: "I worked with the Germans for one reason only—to escape to the United States."—Reuter.

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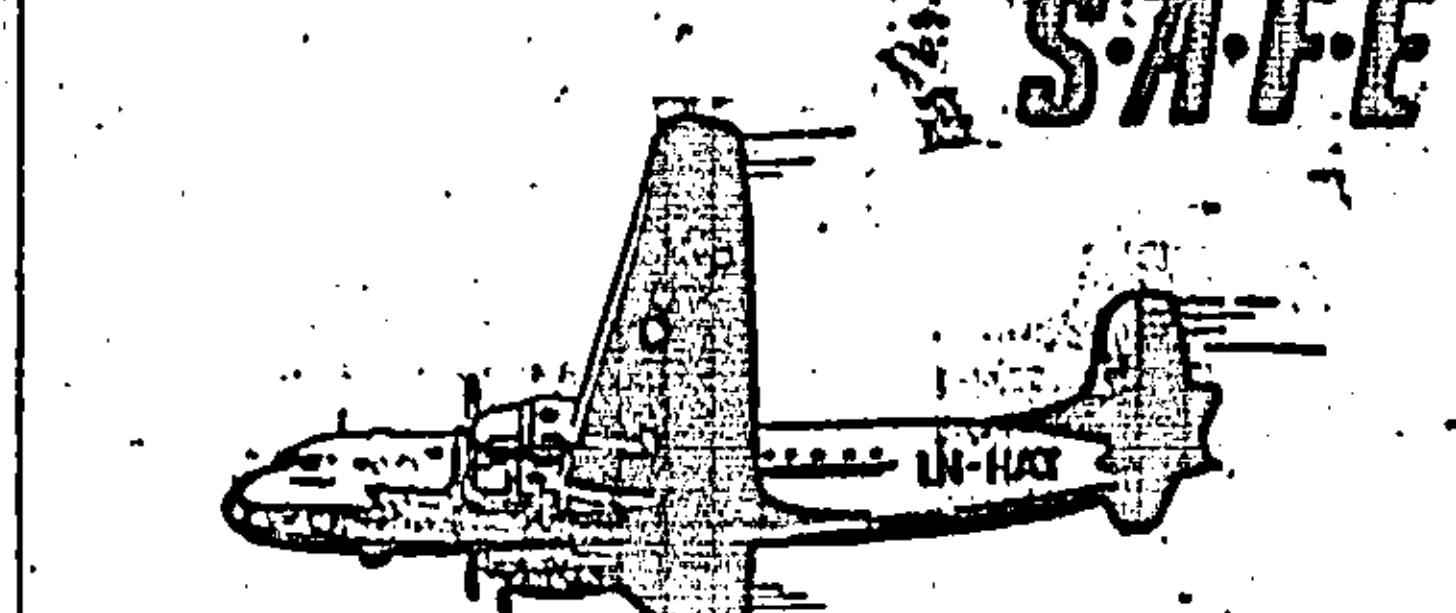
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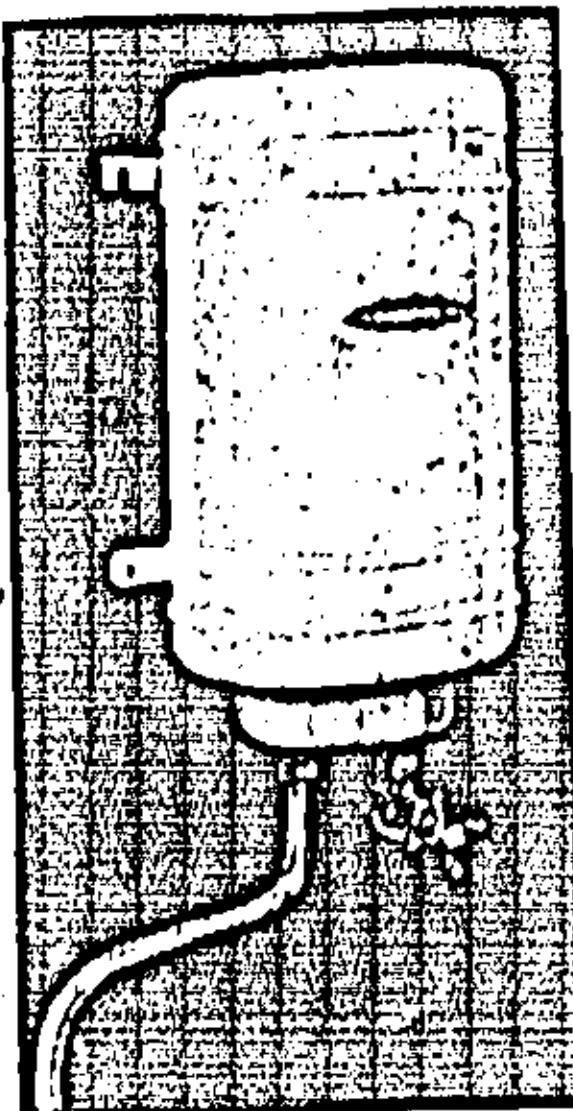
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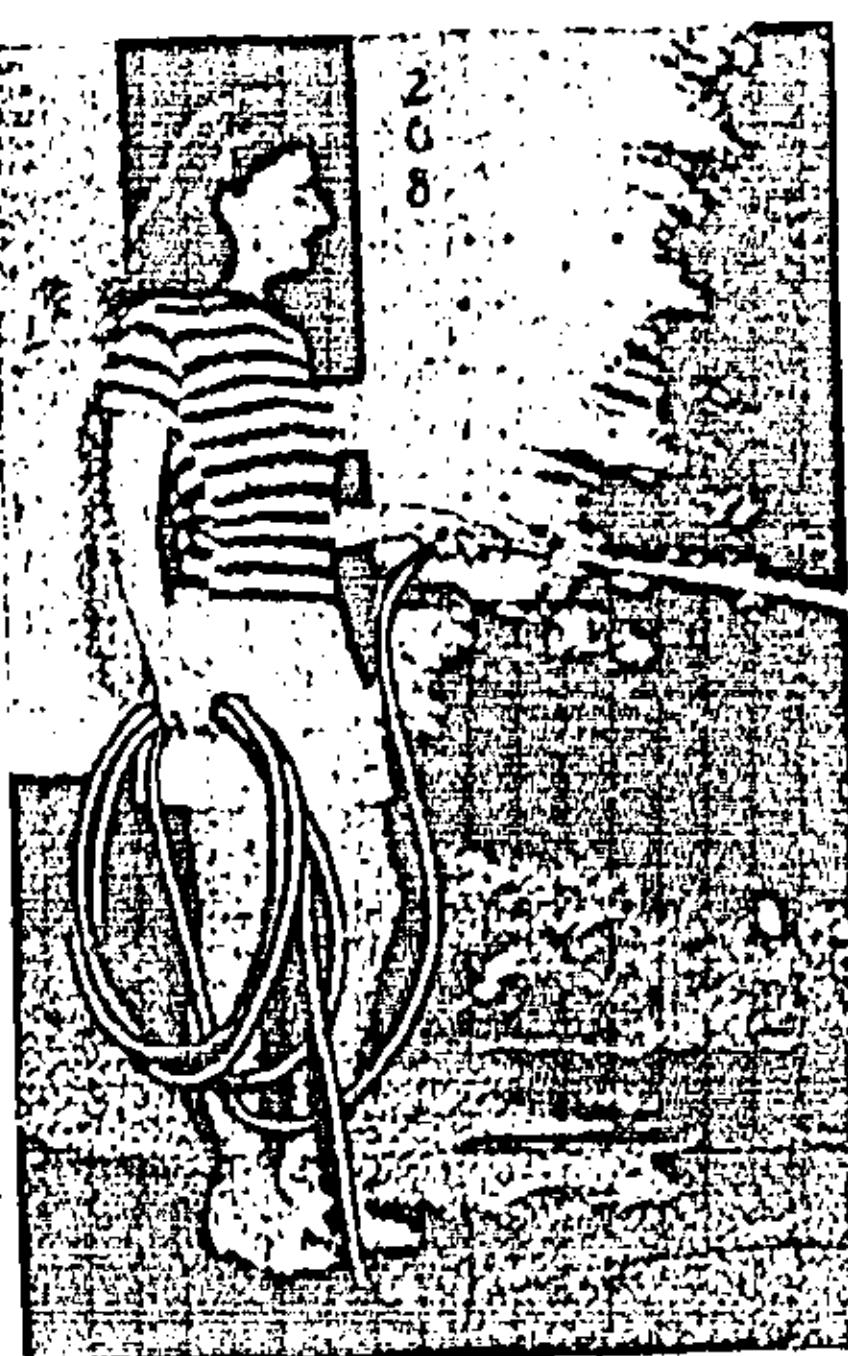
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## ENGINEERING PAGE

### Progress Of British Industry Described

Progress of British manufacturing industry in 1948  
 1948 may be traced in the experience of a typical company. The Tudo Investments Company at Birmingham groups together several dozen firms making steel and light metal tubes, bicycles, electrical appliances, paints, traffic signs and many other products based on tubes.

Assets of the Group amount to £37 million; it employs 30,000 workers. In December 1948 the Chairman, Mr. I. A. R. Stedford, gave a full report on the year's operations which mirrors many of industry's current problems. The foremost anxiety is re-equipping. In 1948 the Company and its subsidiaries spent £1,250,000 on new plant and equipment, making a total of nearly £5 million since the end of the war. Even so, the supply of new plant and machinery does not by any means keep pace with the Company's plans.

Apart from new and modernised plant, Tudo Investments have been among the first groups to make the experiment that is now spreading throughout the country—the introduction of new scientific methods of production management. In 1947 these methods were introduced in the first batch of the Company's factories, and produced startling results. Output per machine-hour was in some cases nearly trebled, and the output of one entire factory was increased by 31 per cent.

In 1948 the overhaul of production methods was carried further through the group. The changes required affected the habits, working times, and pay rates of thousands of workers, and the management decided from the outset that the full benefits of the new methods could only be obtained if the workers freely accepted the changes. This meant a slow start. At the end of 1948 the Chairman reports that these methods have now been applied in a further group of factories with the "enthusiastic co-operation of the workers."

The results in improved output and lower production costs have already been "very substantial". A number of important price reductions were made during the year, and output nevertheless increased considerably over that of the previous year. Production per man continued to rise.

With the detailed review of production methods has gone a revived interest in training of management personnel. As the Chairman of Tudo Investments puts it: "If industry is to reach the highest standard of production

efficiency, specialised training in the art and science of production is necessary at all levels of works management. Good foremen, for instance, have an importance in a factory almost equal to that of a good works manager, whereas a poor foreman can upset the best laid plans for production. Last year I told you of the courses we were instituting to help our foremen to a fuller understanding of their responsibilities. These courses have been keenly appreciated, and have yielded such good results that we have now acquired suitable premises to enable them to be conducted on a residential basis, with all the advantages which continuous personal contact provides". The Company has endowed a Research Fellowship at Birmingham University in connection with the newly established Chair of Production Engineering.

#### Profit, Liabilities.

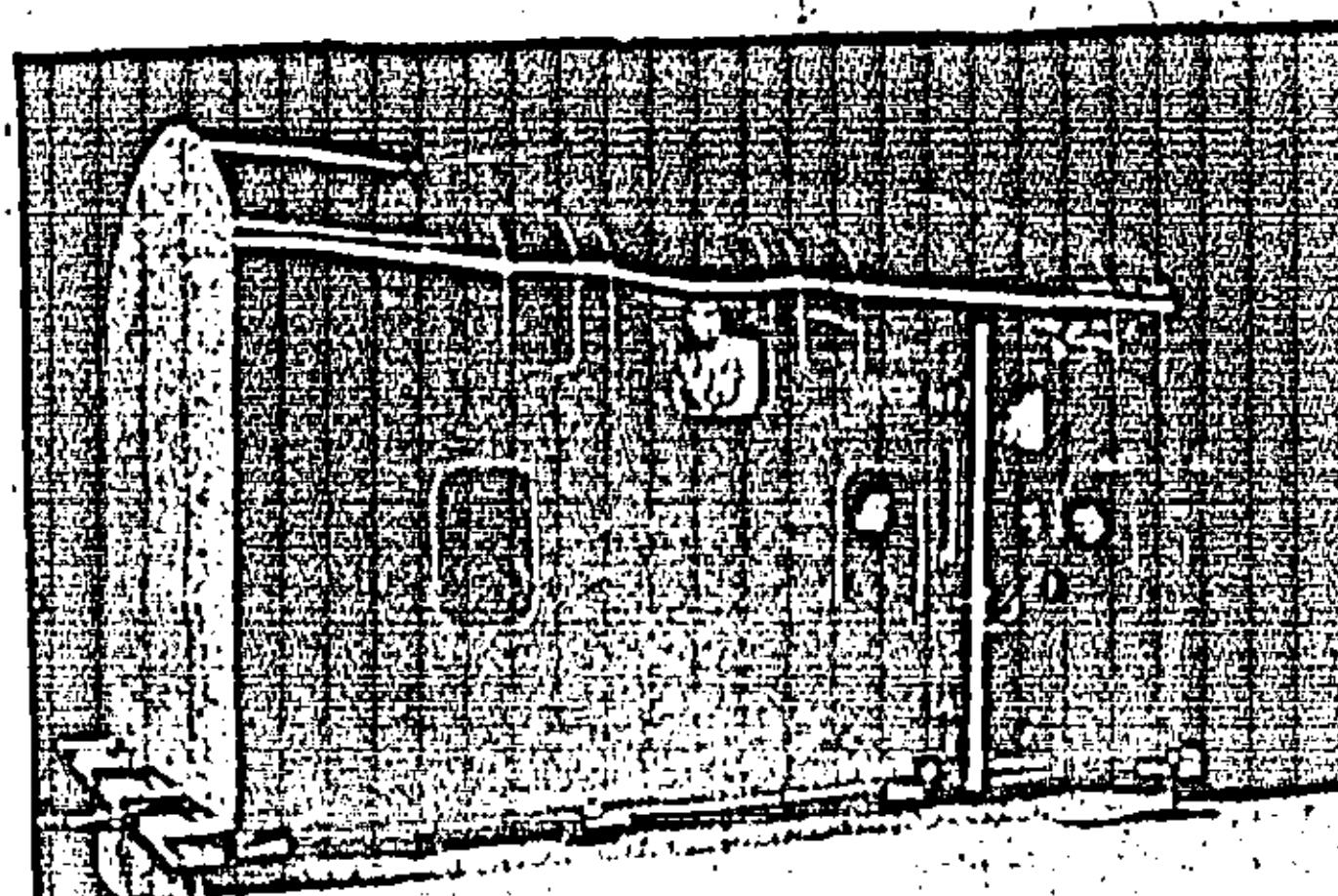
The financial results of this group during the year are also fairly representative of what has happened in a large sector of British industry. As production has increased gross profits have also increased—but not in the same proportion. In response to the Government's appeal for price reductions as an aid to the general stabilisation of rice and costs, the Company cut a large range of prices at a cost of about £1 million in a full year. On the other hand, the cost of raw materials continued to rise, and the Company will pay about £400,000 more for them than it did in 1947. In addition, the new National Health Scheme has imposed new outlays on employers, and wages have also risen; the cost of these two factors in a full year to this Company will be £500,000.

Even with these added liabilities, however, the net profits would have been higher on the year if it had not been for the serious increase in the replacement costs of plant and buildings in recent years. The depreciation allowances permitted by the Tax Authorities are now quite insufficient to cover the cost of replacing the assets. Tudo Investments has had a new valuation made which has placed the value over their book value; if these assets had to be replaced to-day the management estimate that it would cost at least £25 million.

Large sums have therefore been set aside in addition to the normal depreciation charges. A special depreciation reserve started in 1939 and built up out of taxed profits has now reached £3 million and the directors have announced that in future an additional replacement charge would be set aside every year out of taxed profits quite apart from the official depreciation allowance. In this way, sufficient funds will be provided to maintain and replace all the fixed assets of the Group at the present increased costs. But this will be a permanent addition to the operating costs.

#### Honeymoon Over

Reporting on the operations themselves, the Chairman records that "there were indications twelve months ago that the post-war honeymoon for exporters was coming to an end, and that British industry would soon be confronted with the hard facts of life in the form of keener competition in restricted and dislocated markets. Import restrictions were being imposed by other countries, and production costs in this country were rising". These conditions have begun to appear during the year, but the change has not come as quickly nor gone as far as most people expected. The sellers' market has continued in most parts of the world, and Tudo Investments exported in 1948 seven times more in value than it shipped in the record pre-war year. Order books are still huge, but preparations are being made for more difficult selling conditions in the future.



An experimental train of double-decked coaches, with more seats per coach, is being designed by the British Railways for use on the Southern Region Lines between London and Dartford. (AP photo).

### Method Of Tropical Proofing Tested In Nigeria Area

Deep in the Nigerian jungle, Ministry of Supply scientists and administrative assistants, aided by 200 Africans, are engaged in research, the results of which are vitally important to British tropical areas and to British exports to tropical countries.

Through this research, the equipment of British troops, if they are ever again called upon to fight in tropical theatres of war, will be better able than ever to stand up to the attacks of tropical climates. Similarly, British goods exported to hot countries are being made increasingly durable and resistant to the ravages of tropical weather, insects and fungi.

The testing of methods of Tropical Proofing is proceeding at the Ministry's Tropical Testing Establishment in Nigeria. It is a continuation of the studies and experiments done in Nigeria by the War Office, on behalf of the Ministry of Supply, during the war.

One reason why the Nigerian jungle was chosen for T.T.E. was its climate, which is conducive to quick attack on materials by fungi. Nigeria offers a complete range of tropical climatic conditions, from the hot dryness of its semi-desert areas, to the jungle's sticky humidity. The rainfall is very heavy, in some areas reaching even 130 inches a year, and provides just the degree of dampness which the Ministry scientists need for their work.

Methods of dealing with attacks upon materials and equipment by moulds and damp, the chief sources of damages to wireless sets, for example, are being devised, as are means of counteracting destruction by tropical insects.

In the latter case, the scientists' energies are primarily directed against termites, or white ants, which swarm in their millions in the jungle, woolly bears (caterpillar-like creatures with long hair), and gnats, a pest frequently causing destruction of materials in India. Carpenter bees, mud wasps, silver fish, crickets and spiders also contribute to the destruction of materials by jungle conditions.

The T.T.E. is testing many kinds of materials and equipment, ranging from needles to guns, boots to hats, tents to building materials, and including plastics, metal finishes, optical, electrical and radio equipment, various kinds of wall boards, and textiles. The materials are tested for resistance to deterioration by exposure to hot-damp, hot-dry conditions, and to the highly corrosive atmosphere of a tropical surf beach. In the laboratories, chemical, physical and mechanical tests are made to determine the progress of decay.

Already the research done during and since the war is paying dividends, for wireless sets are more reliable, and cars, furniture and furnishings give better service in the tropics because of T.T.E.'s work.



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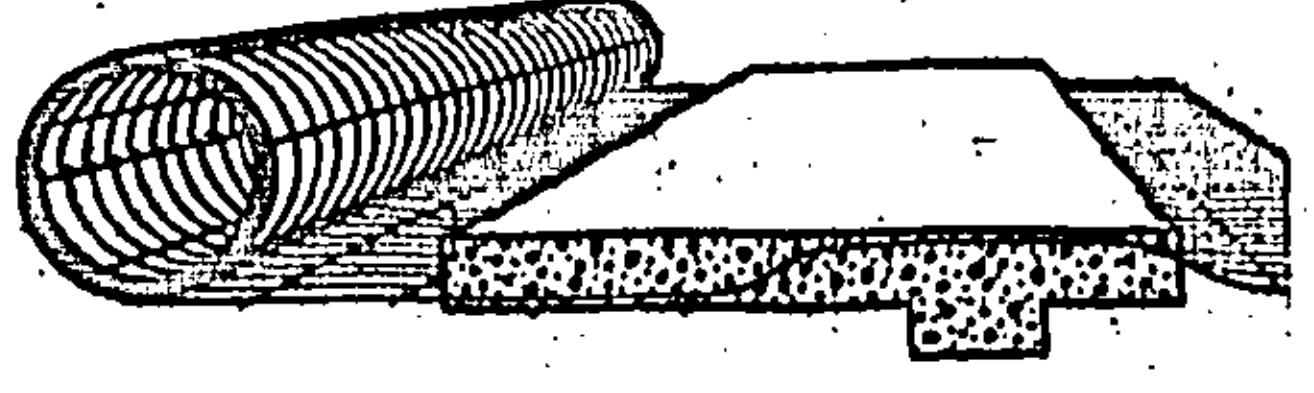


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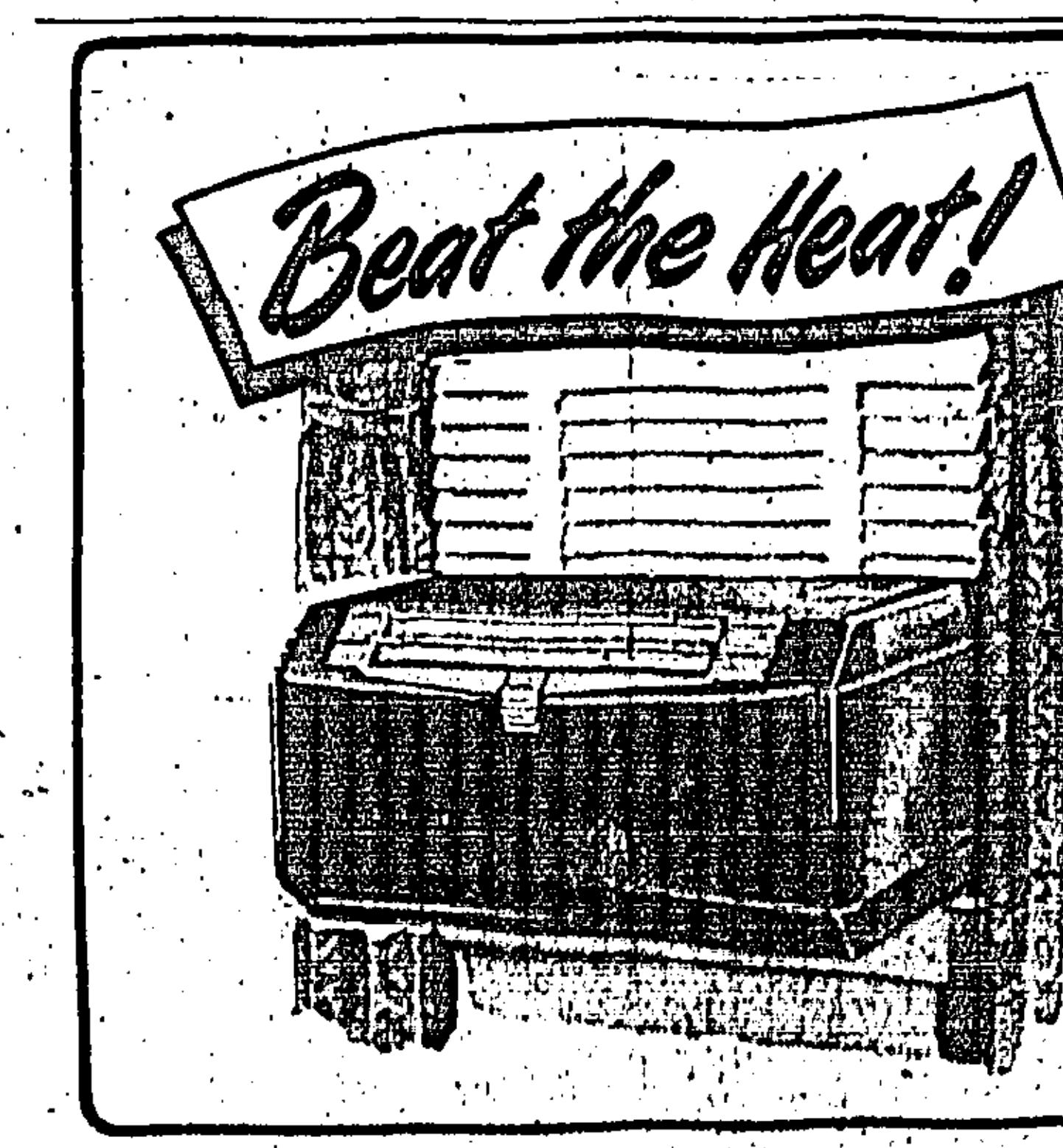
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# HONG KONG'S RECORD EXPENDITURE

(Continued from Page 2)

**Estimate Exceeded**

"The revised expenditure figure is a little less than \$9,750,000 over the estimate. This excess is mainly due to the payments which were approved towards the end of the financial year 1947-48 to Government employees who remained in the Colony during the occupation, and who were not interned."

"It was hoped to complete these payments before March 31, 1948, but this unfortunately proved to be impossible and it became necessary to issue a Special Warrant for \$9,000,000 during the first quarter of 1948-49. Moreover, in spite of every effort, the necessary adjustments resulting from the awards of the Salaries Commission with retrospective effect to January 1, 1947, could not be completed by March 31, 1948, and it therefore became necessary to provide supplementary provision during 1948-49, amounting to \$8,000,000. Sum of \$600,000, representing pensions and \$520,000 representing pay and allowances to the local Volunteer Forces, which had remained in Suspense, were charged to expenditure and a further Special Warrant for \$100,000 was issued in respect of an increase in the Demobilisation Clothing Allowance from \$450 to \$650. This heavy carry-over of expenditure from the previous year was fortunately offset by savings under other heads. Including a considerable saving under Public Works Extraordinary, as it did not prove possible to complete the full programme during the year. The nett excess over the estimate thus only amounted to \$9,750,000."

"The year 1948-49 opened with a revenue balance of \$37,083,308. If the estimated surplus of \$24,000,000 is realised, the financial year 1949-50 should open with a revenue balance of some \$61,000,000."

"It is satisfactory that since the liberation of the Colony we have no far been able year by year to increase our revenue balance. But the figure of \$61,000,000 which we have now reached is still very far from adequate to serve as a reserve which can tide us over a lean period. Not until our surplus funds have reached at least three times the present figure can we regard our position as reasonably satisfactory."

**Security The Keynote**

"I had hoped that we would have been able to budget for a substantial surplus in 1949-50 and so bring our surplus balances a little nearer to a satisfactory figure. Prospects cannot last for ever, and when the lean years descend upon us, the more we have been able to set aside, the stronger our position will be."

"Unfortunately the deteriorating situation in South East Asia generally has introduced a new factor. Our chief concern must now be the preservation of law and order within our borders, for on this depends our whole existence. The keynote of the budget, which I am now presenting, is therefore security. We have to guard against developments which may or may not occur, and this means that we have to provide for considerable expansion in the Police Force. We have also to provide the necessary funds for the training and equipment of the Defence Force which is now being recruited, and whose primary role is to assist in the maintenance of internal order. Heavy expenditure, both of a recurrent and a capital nature, is involved, and unfortunately we have had to find the money at a time when our Rehabilitation loan has largely been expended. Expenditure in the present budget having a

direct or indirect bearing on security reaches the formidable figure of \$20,000,000."

"After meeting a heavy first charge of this nature, we have not been able to provide for all the projects which we should have liked to include. Even so, it has not been easy to achieve a balance between revenue and expenditure."

"The estimates as now presented provide for a revenue of \$180,010,370 and an expenditure of \$170,580,970. There are, however, several adjustments which could not be finalised in sufficient time for them to be included in the printed copies. The most important of these is the provision of additional staff for the proposed Anti-Tuberculosis clinics, and the effects of this adjustment, which it is hoped will be made in Select Committee, will be to reduce the present surplus of \$432,400 to well below that figure."

**London Grant**

"The estimation of revenue in the uncertain times in which we live is always a difficult task. This year it is more difficult than usual. The estimate of \$180,010,370 has been framed with due regard to foreseeable factors, but developments might easily occur which would upset it completely."

"Included in the revenue total is a sum of \$16,000,000 which represents the grant made by His Majesty's Government as part of the war expenditure settlement to assist the Colony in solving problems arising out of expenditure connected with the war."

"Even with this addition, however, it was found that, on the existing basis of taxation, the revenue total was still between one or two million dollars below the figure required to finance expenditure, even after the latter had been reduced to the lowest possible level consistent with our commitments. The bridging of this gap between revenue and expenditure was considered by the Estimate Committee. It was borne in mind that Hong Kong depends entirely on its transit trade. Cheap facilities and cheap services are normally the secret of a successful entrepot trade. The services provided by Hong Kong are relatively expensive but this has so far been offset by the fact that it can provide better facilities and greater security than its competitors. It also has the advantage of a stable currency. Directly stability and order however are restored in neighbouring countries, the fact that services provided here tend to be expensive will become important. No-one can compel trade to pass through Hong Kong."

"Conditions must be such as to attract it. Taxation tends to be passed on wherever this is possible, and that being so, it is important to weigh the advantages of building up larger reserve against the disadvantages of further increase in overhead costs. It was finally decided, on the unanimous advice of the Unofficial Members, that the increases in taxation should be limited to the minimum required to produce a balanced budget."

**Increased Taxation**

"The proposals for increased taxation are estimated to yield additional revenue amounting to \$1,600,000. It is proposed to double the present duty of 24 cents a gallon on table waters, which is equivalent to a tax of four cents a bottle as compared with the present rate of two cents."

"This measure is expected to yield \$500,000 and with the keen competition now existing between manufacturers of aerated waters it is hoped that this extra two cents a bottle will not be passed on to the consumer."

"Local postal rates still remain at their pre-war levels, and I think that it is generally admitted that they are very low indeed. It is proposed to increase the basic local letter rate from five cents to 10 cents, and for postcards from two cents to five cents. This is expected to yield additional revenue to the extent of \$350,000."

"Another duty which has not been changed for a great many years is the stamp duty on cheques and receipts, and it is proposed to raise this from 10 to 15 cents. It is also proposed to recover some portion of the administrative costs involved by requiring all applications for import and export licences in future to bear a \$1 stamp. These moneys are expected to produce \$60,000."

**Civil Servants' Pay**

"Personal emoluments, which cover basic salaries only, are estimated at \$45,126,784, to which must be added a figure of \$28,000,000 provided under the Miscellaneous Services Head in respect of cost of living allowances. It will cost of living allowances also amount to a further \$700,000. This makes a total of \$73,826,784 in respect of the personal emoluments of the Government staff. There are, however, two other items of \$5,000,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively under the Subventions Head in respect of grants to Grant-aided and Vernacular schools. These payments are in respect of teachers' salaries in these schools, and it must be borne in mind that, so far as Grant-aided schools are concerned, these salaries are linked to those of teachers in Government schools. Thus any adjustment in Government salaries or cost of living allowance results in a corresponding adjustment in this grant which at present stands at \$5,000,000."

"We are undoubtedly spending too much on personal emoluments. No opportunity to reduce staff has been neglected, but in the effort to secure ever higher standards of safety in air travel it has constantly been necessary to yield to demands for increases in staff in both the Civil Aviation Department and the Royal Observatory.

"Nevertheless, small reductions have been effected in some departments, and in the Sanitary Department there has been a reduction of 200, mostly in menial staff. Altogether there have so far been staff cuts amounting to approximately 380 employees."

"Government realises, however, only too well that something much more drastic than mere nibbling is required if we are to make some really substantial reduction in personal emoluments."

"The expert in methods of organisation for whom we have waited for so long has now arrived, and has begun his investigations. We hope that he will be able to indicate to us whether the conduct of public business really requires a pay-roll of nearly \$74,000,000."

"Expenditure is estimated at \$170,580,970. When I introduced the budget for the present year, I expressed the hope that expenditure would fall. Instead it has risen \$10,500,000 over the revised estimate for 1948-49, which was itself in excess of the approved estimate. Even so, as originally submitted, and excluding additional demands for constructional work, departmental estimates were \$16,000,000 higher than the final figure."

"The rise in expenditure is due to two major causes, heavy defence and security commitments, and the need to provide under Public Works Extraordinary for a good deal of rehabilitation work which would have been met from Loan funds, but for the fact that allocations are becoming exhausted."

**Excess Staff**

"Other charges for 1949-50, excluding Public Works Extraordinary and Special Expenditure, and also cost of living allowances, total \$72,357,000 as

compared with the figure of \$68,456,676 for the year which is just closing. Special Expenditure, excluding Public Works Extraordinary, totals \$11,498,520 as compared with \$6,714,000 in 1948-49."

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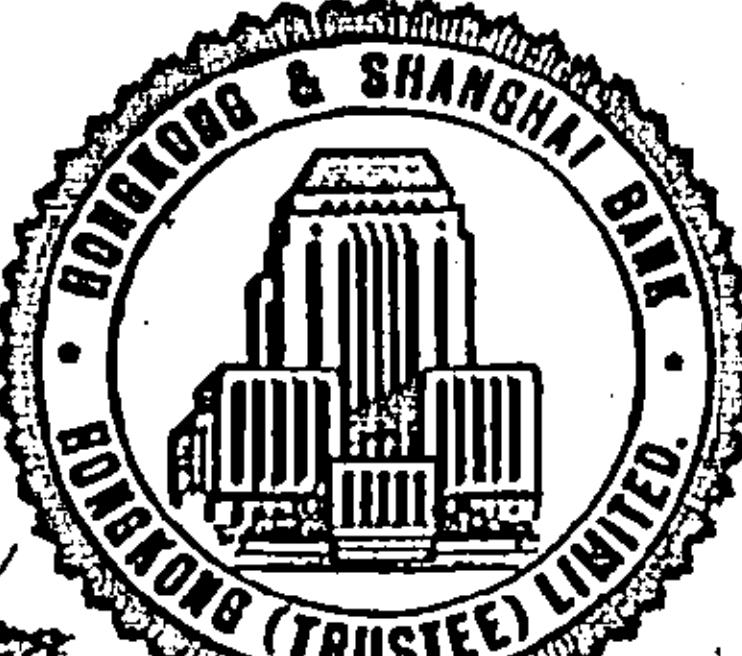
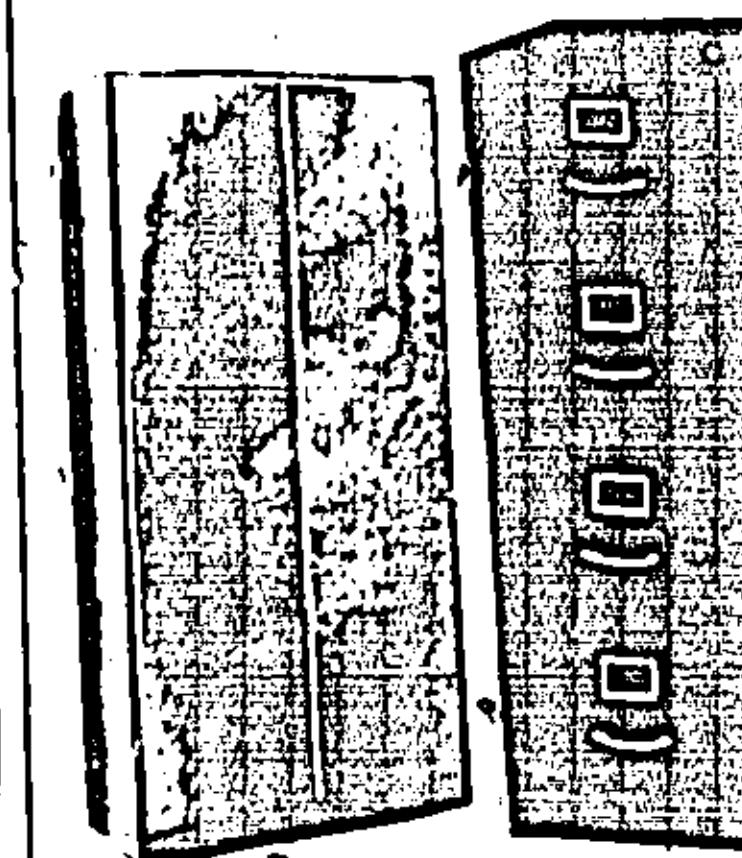
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Hongkong.SPY'S LOVE LIFE LED  
TO HIS DISMISSAL

Munich, March 16. The name of a Czech Army officer who wooed women into spying came up again yesterday as the espionage trial of a German housewife began in Munich.

Mrs. Elfriede Zierlik, charged with collecting U.S. military information for a foreign power, named Captain Ivan Janda as the Czech who led her into giving him information.

The woman heard the prosecution read a confession which she allegedly made to counter-intelligence agents.

She said Janda had helped her cross the border six times on visits to her sister at Wildstein, Czechoslovakia.

He is the same Captain Janda, another witness testified, for whom Edith Dittrich, convicted on Monday of espionage, tearfully admitted her love.

Vojtech Jarabek, a star prosecution witness in the preceding trial, took the stand against Zierlik. He and another former Czech intelligence officer, Olakar Feslar, fled from the Communist-dominated country last November seeking refugee in the U.S. zone of Germany.

Once during his sworn testimony Jarabek declared that a Catholic priest, Father Alfred Weglarz, a resident of Wildstein, had worked in the Czech Intelligence Service. He did not elaborate.

Zierlik said in her statement that after Captain Janda had helped her with questions about

economic conditions and troop locations in the American zone.

## Very Affectionate

She noted that on one occasion when she left her son in Germany with her husband, Captain Janda became very affectionate. Later, she said, he reminded her he had helped her cross the border and that she was deeply in debt to him.

An American officer said it was understood that Captain Janda let his love lives interfere with his work and was subsequently removed as an Intelligence officer.

In her statement, the German woman said she had crossed the border into Czechoslovakia only to get food from her sister, who worked as housekeeper for Father Weglarz.

She dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief but appeared in good spirits as Jarabek testified that she had worked for the Czech Intelligence Service and that she bore the code name "Lillian."

She is the sole defendant in the fourth of five spy cases to be heard by an eight man U.S. military commission. — Associated Press.

## What is the World thinking?

Read the opinions of the Worlds' Capitals, giving the background of today's events, in *The Economist* and *The New Statesman and Nation* of March 12.

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Qantas Flight  
To Hong Kong

Sydney, March 15. A Qantas DC-4 Skymaster took off tonight on a proving flight to Manila and Hong Kong.

It will arrive at Manila late on Wednesday afternoon, stay overnight and fly to Hong Kong on Thursday morning.

A charter service is planned pending Government approval of regular route. Eighteen people are on board, plus the crew.—United Press.

MR. BEVIN WILL VISIT  
AMERICA THIS MONTH

Washington, March 15. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will arrive in the United States on about March 31 for a visit of about a week, Sir Oliver Franks, the British Ambassador to the United States, said today.

Mr. Bevin will arrive in time for the signing of the Atlantic Pact, expected to take place in the first week in April, and for the opening of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, also in April. Sir Oliver discussed the arrangements for Mr. Bevin's visit with the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, for an hour today.

London, March 15. The complete merger of the British South American Airways and the British Overseas Airways Corporation, two of Britain's three nationalised airlines, was announced today.

Lord Pakenham, Minister of Civil Aviation, told the House of Lords that the Government had recommended the merger and that the two airlines had agreed. A merger has been regarded as a possibility since the Government decided that the Tudor four-engined aircraft, used on the South American route, should no longer be used to carry passengers.

This decision followed the disappearance without trace of two Tudor IV airliners, the Star Ariel and Star Iger.

Lord Pakenham said that the decision not to use the Tudor IV left the BOAC with only three York aircraft, which is not competitive.

He said that to keep the BOAC routes working the obvious course was to turn to the BOAC. That airline also used long-range aircraft on their routes overlapping to some extent with those of BSAA.—Reuter.

Also, according to the terms of the treaty in its present form, those who do not join it at the initiation in April will have to wait until it has been ratified by all the governments concerned before they can join, and this might take several months.

In Rome tonight, Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, replying in the Chamber to Communist attacks on the pact, said the pact has neither secret clauses nor protocols.—Reuter.

A MOTHER AT  
AGE OF 10

Wilmington, Delaware, March 15.

Memorial Hospital officials revealed today that a 10-year-old negro girl gave birth to a daughter last Sunday night. She is the youngest American mother on record.

The baby weighed seven pounds five ounces. Both mother and infant are doing well.

The mother was admitted to the Kroese Industrial School for Girls, where she had been living since last September.

Hospital authorities withheld the name of and information on the baby's father.—United Press.

BETTER OUTLOOK  
IN MALAYA

London, March 15. Colonial Office officials said today that the situation in Malaya is improving.

An official spokesman said: "Reports from Malaya today said that there has been steady and considerable improvement in the situation during the last three months. Nobody regards the situation with complacency but from all accounts it is quite clear that things have improved recently."—United Press.

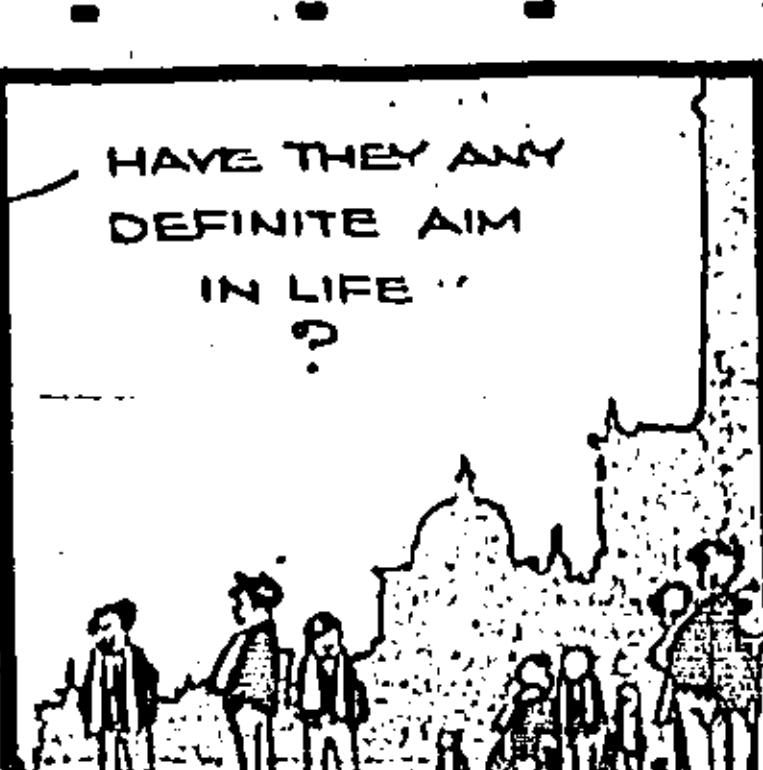
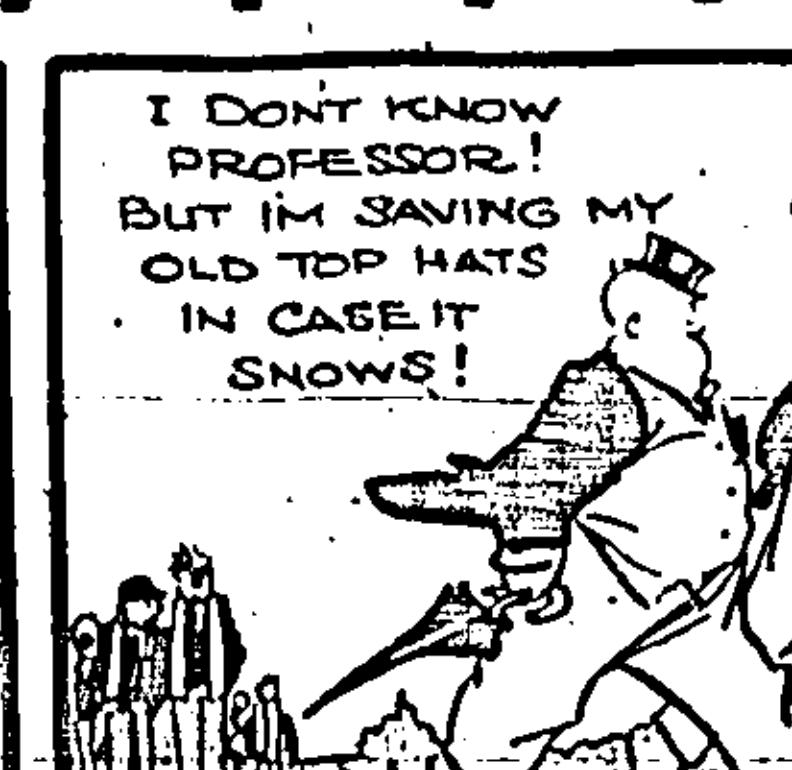
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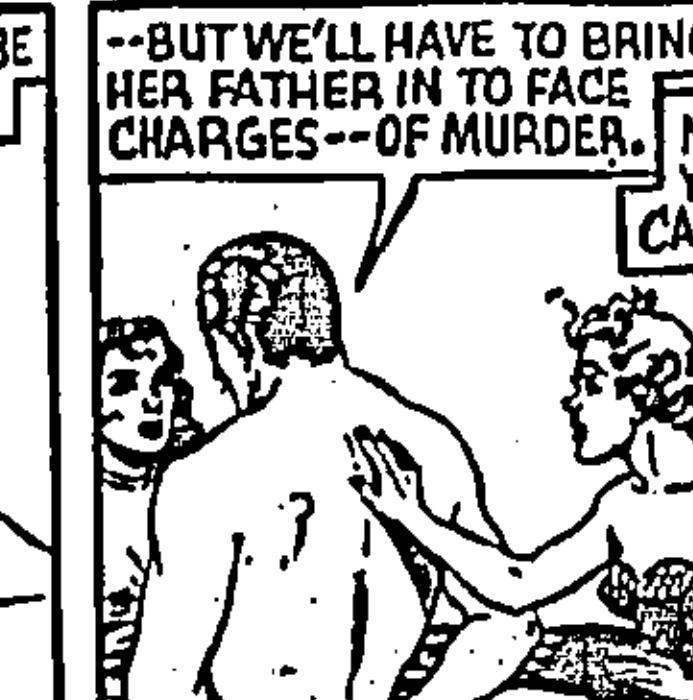
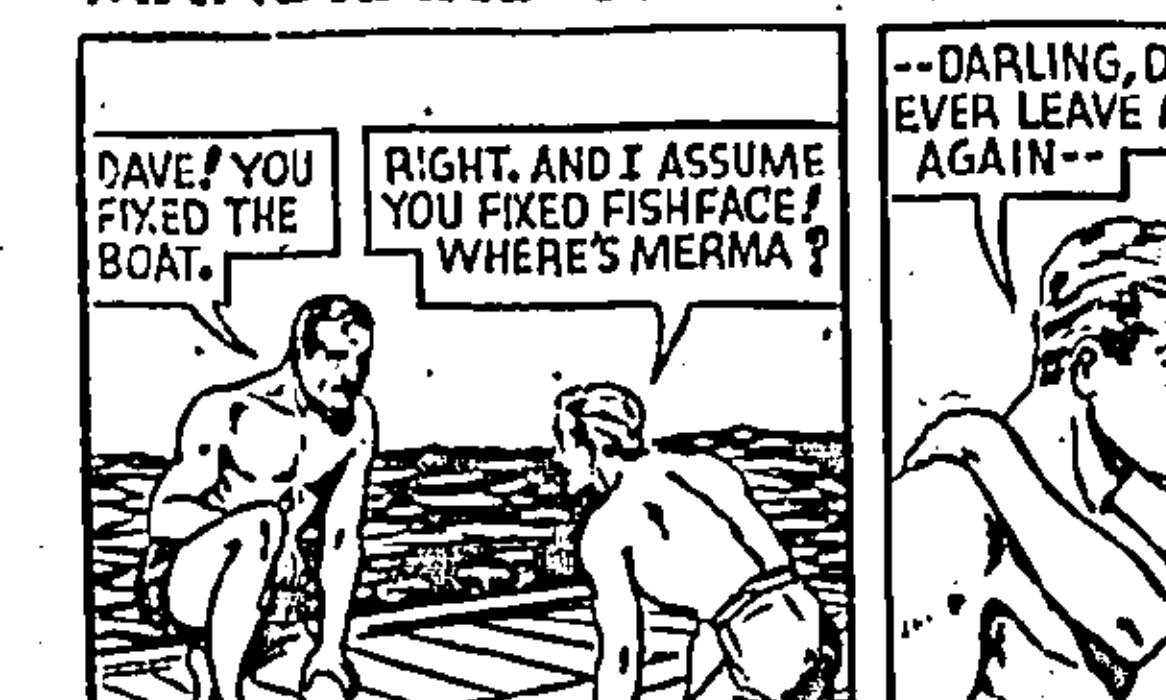
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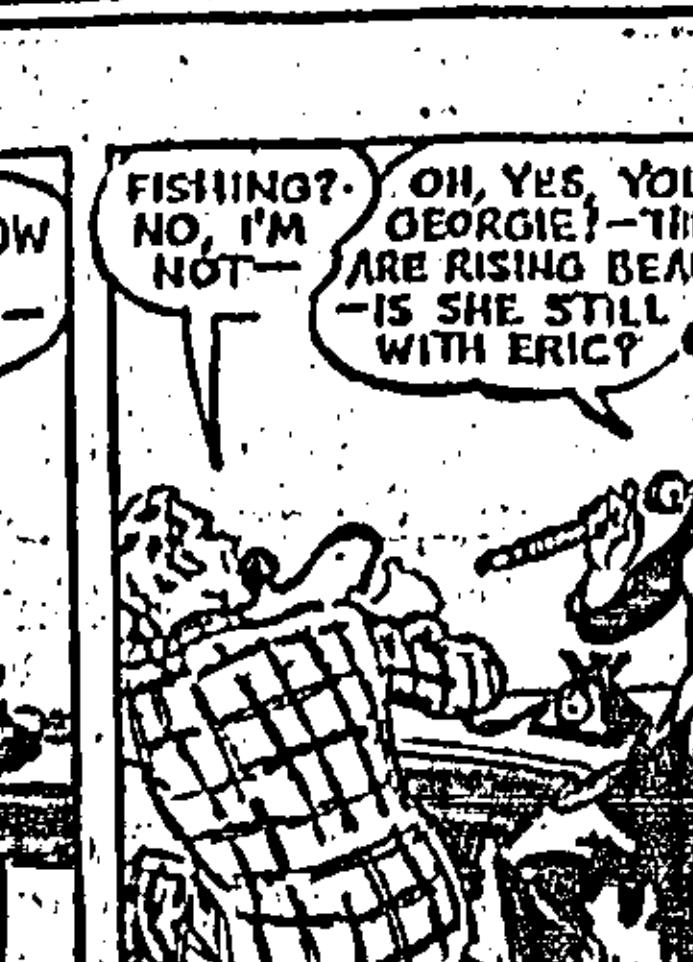
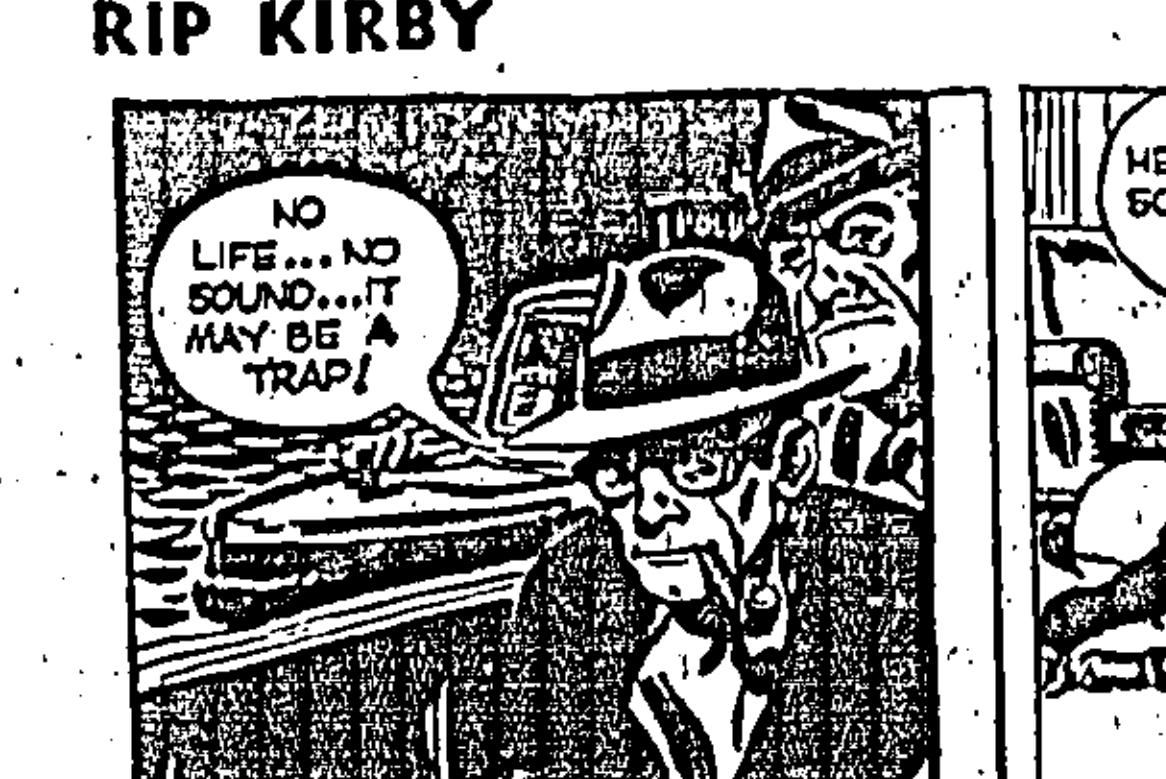
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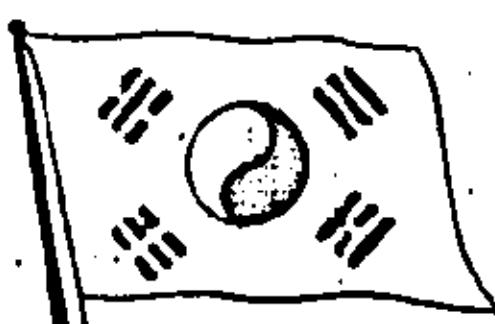
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## Shipping Departures

## YESTERDAY

ANHUI (B &amp; S) for Amoy.

ARNOLD MAERSK (Blank) for Manila.

CITY OF ALMA (Wellen) for Manila.

PUKAN (B &amp; S) for Keelung.

GARDEN STATE (Gourlie) for Shanghai.

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MAUSANG (Jardine) for Singapore.

ROMALI (Mar.) for Singapore.

THINAN (B &amp; S) for Swallow.

## TODAY

HUPHEN (B &amp; S) for Shanghai.

HURDHANA (Mar.) for Amoy.

TJITJALENGKA (RIL) for Macassar.

## TOMORROW

HUNAN (B &amp; S) for Inchon.

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6:10 p.m.: ex-Foochow via Amoy:

7:20 p.m.: ex-Kwangtung: 8:40 a.m.

8:30 p.m.: ex-Shanghai: 11:45 a.m.

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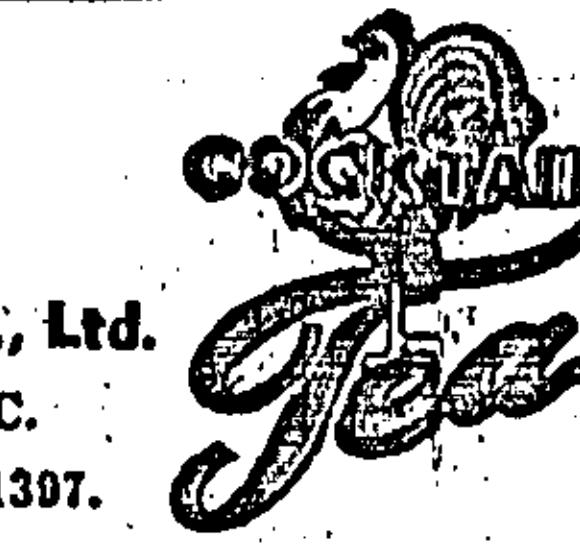
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## HONG KONG TENNIS VETERANS' EASY WIN IN QUARTER-FINALS

### RAF Defeats Police 8-1

In a brilliant display of concerted effort, RAF trounced Police by eight goals to one in a First Division soccer match at Boundary Street yesterday.

The RAF victory was a personal triumph for Studd, their centre-forward, who proved himself to be the destroyer-in-chief, netting seven of the eight goals scored by the Airmen.

All the RAF players gave a magnificent performance, their perfect understanding and excellent team-work being a pleasure to watch. Passes seldom went astray and both in the air and on the ground, the Airmen had the Police beaten to a standstill.

For the Police, Howlett was the most outstanding player and were it not for his fine defensive game, the Airmen would undoubtedly have scored many more goals. Time and again it was Howlett who stood between the RAF and goals.

The Police, who were one player short for about 15 minutes from the start, won the toss and elected to set the Airmen against a strong wind which was blowing down the field.

The wind did not seem to have any effect on the Airmen and for a greater part of the first half they enjoyed as much of the ball as their opponents.

In the 25th minute of the game, Studd drew first blood for the Airmen after cleverly eluding Howlett.

With the scoring of this goal, the Police went to pieces and before half time, Studd had added three more goals for his side.

Crossing over four goals in arrears, the Police reshuffled their forward line and fought back with strong determination, but the RAF defence refused to be baited into making any tactical blunder.

As the Police attacks gradually petered out, the RAF forward line again swung into action. By varying the style of passing, the RAF forwards had the Police defenders all at sea, only Howlett being able to offer any semblance of opposition to the keen thrusts of the Airmen.

After Studd had scored two further goals for the RAF and Stanley had also netted, Yuen Yu-lam managed to score for the Police following a breakaway.

RAF continued to hold the upperhand and just before the final whistle, Studd again scored to

Tsui Wai-pui, the holder, K. H. Ip, Tsui Yun-pui and Roch Leung enter the semi-finals of the Colony's Lawn Tennis Singles Championship, as a result of their easy wins in yesterday's quarter-final games at the Cricket Club ground.

Tsui Yun-pui will meet K. H. Ip on Tuesday at the Cricket Club grandstand court, and the Tsui Wai-pui-Roch Leung match will be staged at the same place on Wednesday.

Yesterday's games revealed that the three battle-worn heroes of the local tennis court are still in a class by themselves, each of them eliminating his challenger in straight sets. Roch Leung, the Kowloon Tong Club and former Kunning champion, replaced R. Segalen as last year's other semi-finalist.

K. H. Ip, hot favourite for this year's title, was in his peak form in his game with George Chou, the accuracy and force of his all-round strokes proving too much for Chou. His sudden cut-backs to the forecourt after full-length drives caught Chou repeatedly.

Play started promisingly when Chou carried Ip's first service to a standstill, but the standstill of the China National champion saw him through. Finding his length, Ip turned to drive in no uncertain manner deep into both corners of the court. Either volleying or dropping Chou's weaker returns, he brought the score to 5-0, before conceding the only game to Chou on the latter's service.

Ip jumped to a lead of 2-0 in the second set, but couldn't break through Chou's service in the third game. He took the next game and had the enviable feat of carrying Tsui's next service with a love game.

Tsui jumped to a 4-2 lead, but the Cricket Club player's gameless took him to 4-5, before he conceded the tenth game to Tsui after several had been called for the first set.

The game began to tell on Hawthorn in the second set, and Tsui had no difficulty in securing the requiring six games.

#### Segalen Beaten

In the other quarter-final between R. Segalen and Roch Leung, Segalen found Leung equal to his stone-wall tactics.

Leung's steady and more effective drives, together with a better service enabled him to play Segalen at his own game.

His low full-length cut and slice drives made it difficult for Segalen to concentrate on length and return at the same time, and his half-court returns allowed the Kowloon Tong player to have control of a major part of the game.

Scores:

Colony Open Singles	
Championship (Quarter-finales)	
Court 1: K. H. Ip	bent George Chou, 6-1, 6-2.
Court 2: Tsui Wai-pui	bent J. B. Hawthorn, 6-4, 6-0.
Court 3: K. H. Ip	bent L. F. Stokes and R. Segalen.
Court 4: M. Heenan and M. W. Lo	bent Lee Boon-sing and T. T. Chen.

Colony Open Doubles

Championship (Quarter-finales)	
Court 1: I. Agafuroff v. A. Furrer	and G. Hartlepool.
Court 2: H. J. Armstrong v. K. H. Geltz.	

Champion's Win

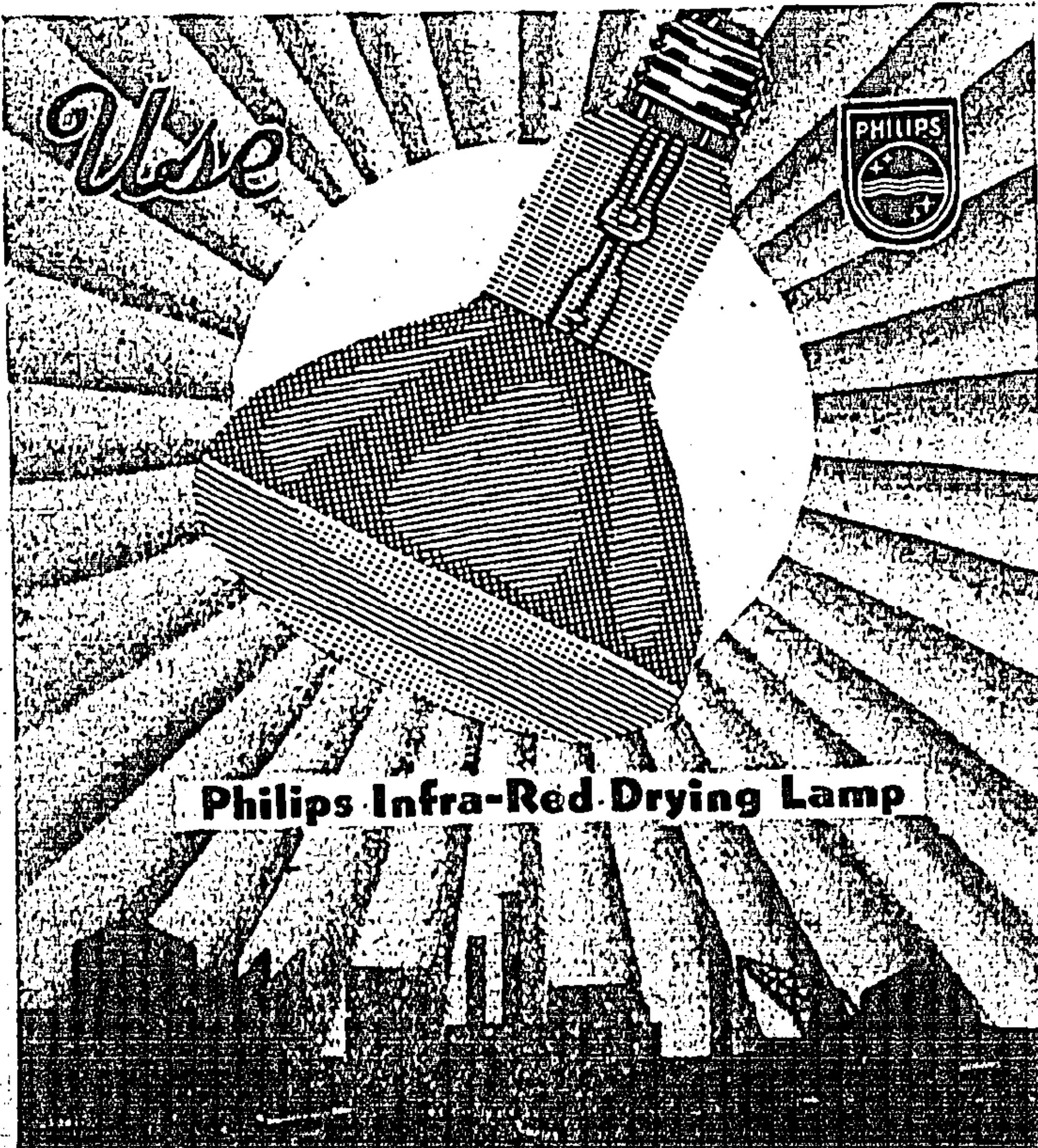
Tsui Wai-pui virtually ran through his first game by 6-0.

In his game against Lee Boon-sing, the Java player, Lee was powerless against the superb counter-craft of the reigning champion who was cleverly varying his lengths and imparting an effective spin to his drives and services.

Bringing the RAF tally up to eight, Police, Abbas, Fung Pak-chan, Ho Sing, Leung Shun-chi, Howlett, Lau Wing-kwong, Ng Wai, Tsang Slik-hong, Redman, Yuen Yiu-lam and Lau Pak-hung.

RAF, Bartram, Durham, Souther, Butcher, Wilson, Thynsley, Stanley, Cross, Studd, Gray and Calley.

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### Tonight's Badminton

The following is tonight's programme for the Colony's Shuttle Championships, to be played at Club de Recreio:

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7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): A. L. Fisher v. M. T. Yeow.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): C. Y. Yung and K. P. Cheng v. C. H. Ngan and M. C. Hung.

8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): A. J. Souza and F. M. Ribeiro v. D. C. Lau and W. C. Chang.

9.00 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles): R. M. Soares and Mrs. Careca Taek v. F. Brockbank and Mrs. L. Benjamin.

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### Today's Game

Today's games feature the four quarter-final games of the Colony Open Doubles Championship.

It is doubtful if the Tsui brothers and the Lee Wai-tong and K. H. Ip combination, on their present form, will be given much opposition, although Stokes and Segalen may pull out some surprise games.

Greater interest will perhaps be shown in the other two matches, with the Jones-Ayres and Kwock Leung game linking the greater portion of the crowd.

The Heenan-Lo and Lee-Chen game will be an experience versus youth affair, and the youths may find Heenan as active as they are at the net, with his flat-racket volleys and smashes.

The games are:

#### Colony Open Doubles Championship

Championship (Quarter-finales):

Court 1: B. T. M. Jones and H. A. Ayres v. Kwock Leung-cheung and Roch Leung.

Court 2: Luke Ding-cheung and Tsui Ping-fan v. Tsui brothers.

Court 3: Lee Wai-tong and K. H. Ip v. L. F. Stokes and R. Segalen.

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Court 5: I. Agafuroff v. A. Furrer.

Court 6: H. J. Armstrong v. K. H. Geltz.

Compton claimed six wickets for 62 and Wright four for 52. The opening bat, J. Nel was top scorer with 37.

Earlier in the day the Universities had fallen by 54 runs to avert the follow-on, being all out for 274 in reply to the MCC's 477. They lost their two remaining wickets for the addition of eight runs to the overnight score.

The MCC played 23 matches on the tour, winning 11, including two Tests.—Reuter.

### Inter-School Sports Meeting

Great enthusiasm is being shown by Hong Kong school boys in the Inter-School Sports Meeting which will be held at the SCAA Stadium at Caroline Hill on Thursday, March 24, commencing at 2 p.m.

Mr. Colin M. McEwan of the Education Department, who is in charge of the Sports Meet, is being deluged with entries for the different events.

Up to 5 p.m. yesterday the following entries had been received:

#### JUNIOR

100 metres: 44, 200 metres: 40.

400 metres: 34, 500 metres: 24.

High Jump: 20, Long Jump: 28.

Weight: 30, Hurdles: 22, Sprint Relay: 13, Medley Relay: 7.

#### SENIOR

100 metres: 25, 200 metres: 28.

400 metres: 26, 500 metres: 20.

800 metres: 25, High Jump: 23.

Long Jump: 21, Weight: 21, Hop,

Step and Jump: 21, Hurdles: 18,

Sprint Relay: 7, Medley Relay: 0.

When asked by the "China Mail" regarding the definition of a "Junior" contestant, Mr. McEwan said that any bona fide student, whose height did not exceed five six inches came within the definition of a "Junior."

Mr. McEwan said that next year contestants will be classified according to age. This remark was made by Mr. McEwan after it was pointed out that there are certain students who, although small in stature and playing in the Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League, are older in years than many other taller and younger students.

Combined Army and police manoeuvres were progressing against the rebels, the Minister added, and said that the Government expected to be in full control of the situation by the end of the month.

The Minister said that the Korean Army, according to the latest reports, had surrounded a group of 200 rebels in a village, South West of Hilla Mountain, which is located in the centre of the island.

The Minister explained that police forces were being employed to follow the Army closely in order to keep order in captured areas.

A message this morning from the Home Minister, Shin Sun Mo, who was on the spot indicated, however, that the police were decimated by the lack of arms and were using wooden bimbos in some instances to maintain order.

Meanwhile, an official of Seoul's metropolitan police reported today

### Title Fight

Amsterdam, March 16.

A new title fight between the European welterweight champion Livio Minelli, of Italy, and Giel de Roode of Holland, will take place on May 2 in The Hague.

On March 4, Minelli won the vacant title against de Roode, who had to stop fighting after the eleventh round on medical advice.

The European Boxing Federation has now been asked to approve the new title fight.

De Roode will undergo an operation on both eyebrows, his weak spots. Heavy bleeding forced him to stop fighting on March 4.—Associated Press.

Hull City are going to take some stopping now and look as though they will just walk away with this Division's honours.

Southport, who appear to be in a hopeless plight at the bottom

## LEAGUE 1 LEADERS SHOULD WIN AGAIN

(By 'ALCYDES')

Wool, Portsmouth seem to be running away with the League at this stage, with five points advantage over their nearest rivals, Newcastle.

This week they entertain Derby County at Fratton Park, and on recent form look like taking full points.

Derby County, on the other hand, are also well placed in the league and with their recent acquisition from Manchester United, Johnny Morris, to strengthen their forward line, they will fully extend Portsmouth.

This should be a grand game with little to choose in the two teams.

Newcastle are at home to Arsenal, and a record crowd will no doubt turn out to welcome the "Gunners" for their first visit to St. James' Park since 1934.

Newcastle should come out on top in this game.

A relegation battle will be witnessed at Middlesbrough where Huddersfield, after last week's splendid effort against Burnley, will hope to move yet another step towards the safety zone.

Huddersfield have always found Middlesbrough a happy hunting ground, having won seven out of the past eight games there. Yes, a good away win here.

Easy For Wednesday

Fulham, in the Second Division, are away to lowly Lincoln and should not have much difficulty in claiming full points from their visit.

Southampton, the leaders, are this week away to the semi-finalists, Leicester City, and will find points hard to come by from this game, although the City's position in the table doesn't really justify such optimism. My conclusions on this match, however, are that they will profit at least a point.

Notts Forest, also in the dold